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IN SNUB TO TRUMP, ELON MUSK FORMS NEW POLITICAL PARTY

Tech billionaire Musk has formed a new political party "to give Americans their freedom back", after a fallout with Trump

REGISTERING 'AMERICA PARTY' THE NEXT STEP

"Today, the America Party is formed to give you back your freedom," Musk said in a post on X. "When it comes to bankrupting our country with waste & graft, we live in a one-party system, not a democracy," the Tesla and SpaceX CEO said. To legally form the party would require Musk to register it with the US Federal Election Commission

MUSK'S PARTY LIKELY TO BE FISCALLY PRUDENT

- Musk first raised the prospect of forming a party during his public feud with Trump, which saw him leave his role in the administration's DOGE and engage in a vicious public spat with his former ally
- The world's richest man has indicated he wants a party that is fiscally conservative and reins in spending, without more details

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MUSK WAS THE LARGEST DONOR TO TRUMP'S 2024 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

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After Bihar, poll panel now plans revision of rolls in Bengal, Delhi

EC says Bihar draft list would contain names of voters whose enumeration forms were received

MUKESH RANJAN & ASHISH SRIVASTAVA & RAMASHANKAR
@ New Delhi/Patna

NOTWITHSTANDING the raging controversy around the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of Bihar electoral rolls, the Election Commission of India (ECI) is now preparing to launch and initiate a similar exercise in West Bengal and New Delhi sometime in August this year, sources in the poll panel told this newspaper on Sunday.

The last time the ECI verified electoral rolls in West Bengal and New Delhi was in 2002 and 2008, respectively. "As the assembly elections will be due in West Bengal after Bihar, we are preparing for the exercise in advance," a source said.

For New Delhi, the Chief Electoral Officer has notified the cut-off date for the revision as March 16, 2008. This means that all voter names added to the rolls after this date will now be subject to verification. Individuals falling in this category will be required to furnish documentary proof of citizenship to retain their names on the electoral list.

The ECI said the revision exercise in Bihar has been going on smoothly and the initial phase of it has been completed. In an official statement, the ECI said, "It is reiterated that SIR is being conducted in Bihar as per instructions issued on June 24 and there is no change in the instructions. The draft electoral rolls that will be issued on August 1, 2025 will contain the names of persons whose enumeration forms are received."

It said electors can submit any one of the 11 specified documents anytime before July 25, 2024. "After publication of Draft Electoral Rolls, if any document is deficient, EROs can obtain such documents, from the electors whose name appears in the draft Electoral Roll, during scrutiny in the claims and objection period," it noted.

"The new directive has provided a great relief to people, as they have been given a relaxation of nearly 45 days to submit required documents," said a senior official posted at the Bihar CEO office in Patna.

Highlighting the need for the SIR in the country, Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar told this newspaper that during the past four months, "all 4,123 EROs, all 775 DEOs and all 6 CEOs have held nearly 5,000 meetings with 28,000 political party representatives". "ECI has invited all recognised political parties for interaction. No one was satisfied with the current status of electoral rolls for one reason or the other."

The deadline for submission of forms is July 26.

MAHUA, RJD MOVE SUPREME COURT

Trinamool Congress leader and Member of Parliament Mahua Moitra has moved the Supreme Court challenging an order of the Election Commission of India for special intensive revision of electoral rolls in Bihar. "ECI has introduced it to deprive bonafide young electorate of Bihar. Later, they will target Bengal," Moitra told a news agency. In her plea, Moitra sought a direction to restrain ECI from issuing similar orders in other states of the country. The RJD and an NGO have also moved the top court

BRICS slams Pahalgam attack, demands urgent UNSC reforms

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

BRICS leaders on Sunday condemned the Pahalgam terror attack "in the strongest terms" and flagged the dangers of cross-border terrorism.

"We condemn in the strongest terms the terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir on 22 April 2025, during which 26 people were killed," the BRICS leaders declaration said.

In his hard-hitting address at the BRICS Summit at Rio de Janeiro in Brazil, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called out countries that support terrorism, saying they "must pay the price." He urged BRICS to take a clear stand to deal with terrorism, saying there is no room for double standards.

"We reaffirm our commitment to combating terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, including the cross-border movement of terrorists, terrorism financing, and safe havens. We urge to ensure zero tolerance for terrorism and reject double standards in countering terrorism," the BRICS leaders' declaration said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva upon his arrival in Brazil | PTI

The declaration called for the swift adoption of the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism under the United Nations framework and demanded concerted global action against all UN-designated terrorists and entities.

In a notable shift, the Rio Declaration carried BRICS's strongest-ever language on the need for United Nations Security Council reform. "We reiterate our support for a comprehensive reform of the United Nations Security Council, with a view to making it more democratic, representative, effective and efficient," it said.

Making a sharp geopolitical statement, the BRICS leaders also condemned the recent Israeli airstrikes on Iran, terming them "a violation of international law".

In his address, Modi also made a clarion call for a multipolar, inclusive world order led by meaningful institutional reform.

"The Global South has often faced double standards. Whether it's about development, distribution of resources, or security-related matters, the interests of the Global South have not been given due importance," Modi said.

TEXAS

OFFICIALS' RESPONSE UNDER SCRUTINY

As authorities launch one of the largest search-and-rescue efforts in recent Texas history, they have come under scrutiny over preparations and why residents and youth summer camps along the river were not alerted or told to evacuate | P9

Indian players celebrate the wicket of Jamie Smith along with Akash Deep in Edgbaston on Sunday | AFP

MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM AT EDGBASTON

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

FIVE days ago when India captain Shubman Gill was probed by Michael Atherton during the toss on the Playing XI (then) that looked defensive on paper, an Indian win seemed to be still in the realm of a beautiful dream.

In the real world, however, even before a ball was bowled in the second Test, the balance was tilted in favour of hosts England. They successfully chased a record total in the first. India had decided to rest ever-dependable Jasprit Bumrah despite a nine-day gap between the two games. The captain Gill is just one Test old.

On top of that India decided to go ahead with all-rounders rather than bolster their bowling. Things looked even more grim when India were 211/5 and were staring at another likely collapse after tea on Day One.

Well, that was the last moment India seemed lost. But the one-Test old captain batted, batted and batted, and in the company of Ravindra Jadeja and Washington Sundar, broke one record after another on his way to a marathon 269. India stopped at 587. The total seemed to have done the trick. If the first innings seemed an aberration, the second seemed like highlights with fours and sixes peppered around the ground. Morally, England were crushed on the fourth day.

Inspired by the captain's innings, Akash Deep and Mohammed Siraj did what India bowlers struggled in the first Test – take 20 wickets in the two innings.

'No Bumrah, no problem'. The duo shared all ten wickets between them as India gained a 180-run lead and Gill decided to make sure the target was beyond the hosts with another strokeful hundred (161). It was only a matter of time before India levelled the series with ease, thanks to Akash Deep's 6/99 in the second innings. For the record, this is the biggest margin (336 runs) of win for India away from home and this is their first win at Edgbaston. In sports, dreams do turn into reality. Over to Lord's with hope and hoopla. P11

CM's advisor: Don't take guarantee benefits, get roads from same funds

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @Koppal

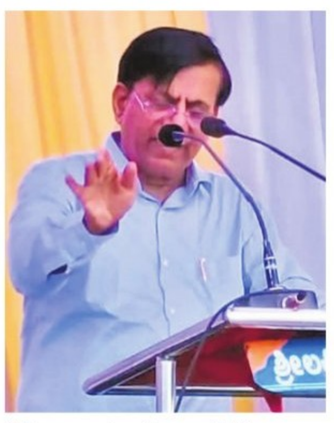
BASAVARAJ Rayareddy, chief minister's economic advisor, on Sunday created a controversy, saying roads can be built and development work taken up in rural areas only if villagers refuse to take benefits of the guarantee schemes.

Though he initially tried to justify saying it was said in jest, he touched upon it again in his speech, pointing out that the government spends crores on the guarantees schemes. That is the reason the government is spending money for development projects in a phased manner, he added.

Rayareddy was taking part in a school function at Rayavaniki, when he made the comment after villagers demanded better roads.

He said, "We will give funds for roads, temples or any other projects if people say they will not take benefits of guarantee schemes. I will suggest to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah that our people now do not want guarantees or anything but road work. But 1.24 crore women heads of families are benefitting from the Gruha Lakshmi scheme, where they are getting Rs 2,000 per month. We will allot funds in coming days for other projects and will develop roads too."

He said, "There are many rural roads that need development. Don't hurry us as we still have three more years in the government and we will complete all the projects one by one."



CM's economic advisor and Yelburga MLA Basavaraj Rayareddy speaks at a function at Rayavaniki village in Koppal district on Sunday | EXPRESS

I will suggest to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah that our people now do not want guarantees or anything but road work

Basavaraj Rayareddy, chief minister's economic advisor

Farmers of Rayavaniki village said, "We have elected our representatives to help us with development work. We asked about rural roads as it becomes difficult to travel on these stretches during the rainy season. One of us asked the MLA to get us better roads as they have given schemes to women. The MLA's witty repartee surprised us all. Women also travel on the same roads. We request our leaders do the needful."

ANXIOUS WAIT

RDPR contract staff not paid for 6 months

FIROZ ROZINDAR @ Vijayapura

FOR the last six months, Ram Nadagouda has been anxiously waiting for his salary, but except for some assurances, he has not received any payment.

He is now facing acute financial problems and has not been able to pay the rent. Working as information coordinator at the Indi Taluk Panchayat, he is one of over 3,000 outsourced employees at the Panchayat Raj Department who have not been paid for the last six months.

"Our last salary was in January this year. All the employees are in distress and worried," said Sahil Dhanshetty, state vice-president of the Karnataka State MGNREGA Employees' Association.

He said 3,145 are outsourced employees in the state. They are not getting their salaries as the government is creating a web portal to disburse funds for salaries. "When we contacted the officials, they said the process is on to update software," he said.

The association is going on a non-cooperation movement from Sunday. Association district president Prithviraj Patil said, "We understand this movement may cause inconvenience to officials, NREGA workers, elected members and villagers, but under current circumstances, we request everyone to support our cause."

ZP CEO Rishi Anand said, "We have been raising the matter with the government. They have assured us that the issue will be addressed soon."

Not chief, but member, of AICC OBC body: Siddu

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah's office on Sunday clarified that he is not the chief of the AICC OBC wing advisory council, but is one of the members and is responsible for hosting its first meeting in Bengaluru on July 15.

After it was reported that Siddaramaiah would be chief of the committee, Assembly opposition leader R Ashoka, his counterpart in Council Chalavadi Narayanaswamy and BJP state president BY Vijayendra had taken a jibe at the CM, saying it is a ploy to make him resign in November, when he completes two-and-a-half years in office. Some 15 years ago, AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge met a similar fate when he ran for the CM post, said Narayanaswamy.

The CM told reporters, "I don't know about the appointment. I will talk to AICC. I was told to hold a meeting (of the advisory council) in Karnataka on July 15. I don't know whether I have been made convener or chairman. It's not about taking my service to national politics." But, he said, he will not step back if such a position is offered to him. He indirectly admitted to writing to one of the Advisory Council members and MLC BK Hariprasad, inviting him to the council's first meeting on July 15 and seeking his insights into uplifting backward classes. P4

British team arrives to fix stranded F-35B fighter jet

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ T'Puram/ New Delhi

THE F-35B fighter aircraft of the British Royal Navy, stranded in the Thiruvananthapuram international airport for the past three weeks, was on Sunday moved out from the tarmac. The aircraft was towed by a team of British engineers, who arrived from the UK on Sunday, using special equipment necessary for the movement and repair process.

The 14-member team arrived aboard a Royal Air Force Airbus A400M Atlas military transport aircraft, carrying specialist equipment. The jet, stranded since June 14 due to a hydraulic system failure, was moved to a designated hangar space provided by Air India.

British Royal Navy fighter jet F-35B being towed to hangar at Thiruvananthapuram airport. Inset: UK's Atlas ZM417 that brought aviation engineers and equipment | PTI

The development came after the UK accepted the offer of a space in the Maintenance Repair and Overhaul (MRO) facility at the airport. "The UK remains very grateful for the continued support and collaboration of the Indian authorities and airport teams," British High Commission stated.

This newspaper had earlier reported that F-35B Lightning II fighter would be repaired at its present location, for which a team would be flown in from the UK.

The F-35B fighter jet made an emergency landing at Thiruvananthapuram on the night of June 14, 2025 as it faced adverse weather conditions and low fuel.

EXPRESS READ

Sandeshkhali violence: CBI takes over probe

New Delhi: The CBI has taken over the probe into the killing of three BJP workers—Pradeep Mondal, Devdas Mondal, and Sukanta Mondal—during the 2019 post-poll violence in Sandeskhali, West Bengal and registered an FIR against prime accused and former TMC leader Sahajahan Sheikh, officials said on Sunday | P8

SC admin seeks ex-CJI's removal from residence

New Delhi: The Supreme Court administration has written to the Centre for vacating the official residence of the Chief Justice of India at Krishna Menon Marg here, noting that the current occupant, ex-CJI DY Chandrachud, has stayed beyond the permissible period.

Now, get UAE's Golden Visa sans trade licence

DUBAI: The United Arab Emirates government has started a new type of Golden Visa, which will be based on nomination unlike the current practice of investing large amounts in either property or business here. Indians can now get the Visa for life by paying AED 1,00,000 (INR 23.30 lakh).

ALMANAC TODAY

- **Monday:** 07.07.2025 • **Year:** Vishwavasu • **Ayana:** Uttarayana
- **Ritu:** Greeshma • **Masa:** Ashada • **Paksha:** Sukla • **Tithi:** Dwadasi 9.55 pm
- **Nakshatra:** Anuradha 12.53 am • Moon in Dhanur Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 07:30 am to 09:00 am
- **Gulikakala:** 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • **Yamaganda:** 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER

MIN 20°C | MAX 30°C

FORECAST
Showers early. Overcast

Sunrise 05.58 am
Sunset 06.50 pm
Moonrise 03.57 pm
Moonset 02.39 am

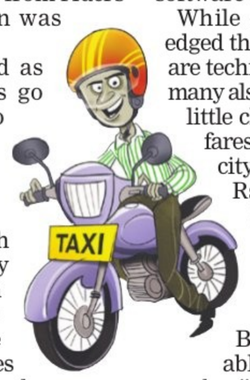
BIKE TAXI RIDERS SKIRT BAN, OFFER PICKUPS VIA WHATSAPP NOW

Use contact numbers saved from previous trips to reach out to frequent users

RISHITA KHANNA @Bengaluru

IN the wake of the state government banning bike taxi services, many riders have started reaching out to commuters directly on WhatsApp. Several people who regularly booked rides from fixed locations, especially around tech parks, Metro stations and office hubs, said they are now getting personal messages from riders.

The drivers are sharing their live location and offering to pick them up, asking them to continue using the service at the same fare as earlier. Many of them are using contact numbers saved from previous trips to reach out. Some commuters who booked parcels also said they received calls from riders asking if a person was travelling instead.



Commuters said as app-based options go out, riders appear to be using phone numbers saved from online payments, earlier trips or deliveries to reach out. "I regularly used to book from the Metro station to my office. Now, the same rider messages me on WhatsApp and asks if I need a ride, sending his location," Ananya, a commuter working in Whitefield, said.

Some riders are also using parcel bookings as an opportunity to get passenger rides. Commuters reported that when they try to book a parcel delivery through aggregator platforms, riders often call and ask if it's actually a person who needs to travel and also request that if a person needs a bike taxi, they can book parcel and then cancel the shipment booking and instead coordinate a direct pickup informally.

Several riders are also telling customers that they can save their number and contact them directly in the future, particularly for frequently travelled routes like from Metro stations to offices or PGs. These are growing across areas like Koramangala, Electronic City, Silk Board, Bellandur and Outer Ring Road — where daily demand for quick, last-mile transport remains high.

"They are increasingly doing this now. I tried to book a parcel from my home in Indiranagar to my workplace in Manyata Tech Park. The rider called and asked, 'Is it a parcel or is someone going?' When I said it's a parcel, he asked me to save his number and contact him if a trip is required in and around Indiranagar," Shivam Kumar, a software engineer, said.

While commuters acknowledged that these arrangements are technically outside the law, many also said they are left with little choice as autorickshaw fares have surged across the city, with reports of Rs 120-Rs 150 being charged for trips under 2 km. "Autos refuse or only quote high fares. These riders are at least reliable and more affordable. But I am also uncomfortable that they have my number," Kalpana, a commuter from Vasanth Nagar, said.

Many commuters pointed out that they are unsure about how their numbers were stored or whether their data was retained after earlier trips. Though some users are comfortable reaching out to known riders, others felt uneasy about being contacted without consent. Commuters argued that the government needs to offer a practical alternative, as the ban on bike taxis has made short-distance travel more expensive and unreliable and that even for short trips under a kilometre, the fare goes above Rs 100, even during non-peak hours.

BIG CRASH

Part of a huge tree fell near the residence of DCM D K Shivakumar in Sadashivanagar on Sunday. The BBMP chopped off the branches and cleared the road | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

CONTRACT WORKERS UNITE AGAINST LABOUR CODES, SEEK JOB SECURITY

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OVER 300 non-permanent workers of institutions such as the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) and Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) gathered here on Sunday to condemn the "exploitation of contract workers".

The event -- Convention against Labour Codes and Demand for the End of the Exploitative Contract Labour System -- was organised at Gandhi Bhavan by the Government and Public Sector Undertakings (PSU) Non-Permanent Workers Joint Forum. The convention demanded the abolition of the exploitative contract labour system and the repeal of the four new labour codes.

Clifton D' Rozario, vice-president of the All India Central Council of Trade Unions (AICCTU), condemned the large-scale exploitation of contract workers in government entities and PSUs. "Lakhs of workers performing core duties are wrongly labelled as contract workers. They face job insecurity, low wages and no social security. The new labour codes institutionalise this exploitation," he said. D'Rozario also called for legislation to grant permanency to all contract workers, citing similar laws in Assam and Tamil Nadu.

Chandrashekar, general secretary of the HAL Contract Workers' Association, highlighted wage stagnation. "The last revision of the central minimum wages was in 2017. It's 2025 now, and costs have surged. This outdated wage structure amounts to forced labour."

The demands from the forum also include upholding the freedom of association and the right to protest and strike.

Fare hike report: Tejasvi moves HC against BMRCL

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BENGALURU South MP Tejasvi Surya has moved the Karnataka High Court against the state government and Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (BMRCL), accusing them of "suppressing" the Metro Fare Fixation Committee (FFC) report that recommended a significant fare increase. Surya stated on Sunday that his writ petition is scheduled for hearing on Monday.

Calling the government's actions "arbitrary and opaque", Surya questioned the decision to keep the FFC report confidential. He criticised the committee for making broad recommendations and going on international study tours funded by taxpayers, while failing to ensure transparency. "Every other Metro system in the country, including Delhi, has made its FFC reports public. Why is Bengaluru the exception? What is the government trying to hide?" he asked.

He also noted that the fare hike has led to a significant drop in ridership, pushing Namma Metro into the ranks of the most expensive public transport systems in India. "This fare structure is unaffordable for many middle-class commuters," Surya stated.

Taking a direct swipe at the Congress-led state government, the BJP MP demanded to know why Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is withholding the report despite no legal or security-related reasons for doing so.

"Public transport must be affordable, reliable, and above all accountable to the public, who fund and use it," Surya said.

He described his legal move as a battle for transparency and fairness in governance. "I will not rest until Namma Bengaluru becomes a model in public transport for all of India," he concluded.

Even during the protest on Saturday against the delay in operataionalising the Yellow Line, Surya had demanded BMRCL to immediately release the FFC report as the public has the right to transparency and to know the rationale behind the fare hike.

Eastern Air Command trumps in athletics tourney

Bengaluru: The Air Force Athletics and Marathon Championship 2025-26 concluded at the Air Force Station Jalahalli on Saturday, after five days of competition that brought together top air warriors from across the country. Organised under the aegis of the Air Force Sports Control Board (AFSCB) and Headquarters Training Command, the event was aimed at identifying talent for the Air Force Athletics and Marathon team. Eastern Air Command emerged as the overall champion in both the athletics and marathon categories. Eight teams representing Air Headquarters and the seven commands of the Indian Air Force participated in the championship, which featured 24 events. **ENS**

TRAFFIC ADVISORY FOR MUHARRAM PROCESSION

Owing to the Muharram procession from Johnson Market to Elgin Apartments on Hosur-Lashkar Road between 11 am and 5.30 pm on Monday, the Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) have issued an advisory.

Vehicles moving from Brigade Road towards Hosur Road via Vellara Junction (Shoole Circle) must take left on Wood Street, Tate Lane and join Richmond Road - Richmond Circle, Shantinagar Junction, Nanjappa Circle and use the Longford Road and take right turn at CMP Junction to join Hosur road.

Heavy goods vehicles coming from Hosur Road can move on Audugodi Junction-Mico Junction-8th Main, Wilson Garden Main Road and reach Siddaiah Road

Vehicles coming from Hosur Road, Audugodi Junction, must take left near Anepalya Junction Cemetery Cross Road – Berlie Street – Langford Road and reach Nanajappa Circle and either join Richmond Road or Shanthi Nagara Junction and move further.

IIIT-B celebrates graduation of 372 students

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THE International Institute of Information Technology Bangalore (IIIT-B) marked its 25th annual convocation on Sunday, celebrating the graduation of 372 students from across five academic programmes. The graduates included 142 students from the Integrated Master of Technology (iMTech) programme, 192 from the Master of Technology (MTech) programme, 12 from the Master of Science in Digital Society, 10 from the Master of Science by Research, and 16 PhD scholars.

Three institute gold medals, along with several other academic and merit-based awards, were presented to outstanding students.

Valipireddy Pranathi walked away with two prestigious honours: the institute gold medal in MTech and the Visvesvaraya Scholarship Award. "I had software job offers after my BTech, but my heart was always in core electronics," she said. "With constant push from my professors, unwavering support from family and friends, and a desire to keep growing, I'm proud to graduate with a 4.0 CGPA."

From left: Sookthi Bhat Kav, Monjoy Choudhury, Valipireddy Pranathi and Chaitanya Manas take the top honours at the 25th annual convocation of IIIT-B on Sunday | EXPRESS

Bengaluru girl Sookthi Bhatt Kav won a gold medal in MSc Digital Society. "Coming from a History background, I never imagined this. But IIIT-B showed me that tech is also about people and power. My thesis explored how UPI impacts inclusion and surveillance. This win is for all social science voices in tech."

"I was probably one of the last to make it into IIIT-B," recalled Monjoy Narayan Choudhury, the iMTech CSE topper and Google-bound graduate from Guwahati, who also got the Visvesvaraya Scholarship Award. "From struggling in science as a kid to switching streams and publishing AI research, I wanted to prove that people like me, from the Northeast, belong here too."

For Chaitanya Manas, who was named Student of the Year, the key was consistency and involvement.

"You can't plan for an award like this. I just showed up at debate club, TEDx, council work, and still kept my grades up. It still feels surreal."

Quietly working behind the scenes, Anshul Akhilesh Madurwar earned the Late Shri N Ramarao Medal for All-Rounder of the Year. "I'm not the loudest person. But I kept pushing quietly, eight papers, assistive tech, global collaborations. This medal means everything."

EXPRESS READ

Canara Bank holds spl Lok Adalat for NPA borrowers

Bengaluru: Canara Bank organised a special Lok Adalat at its circle office on MG Road on Saturday to resolve Non-Performing Asset (NPA) accounts under the jurisdiction of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (DRT)-I & II. The Lok Adalat was inaugurated by Imtiaz Ali, presiding officer, DRT-I, Bengaluru. During this special initiative, NPA accounts were successfully resolved, marking a significant achievement in recovery efforts. Mahesh Pai, Chief General Manager and Circle Head, said Canara Bank remains committed to addressing stressed accounts effectively and this Lok Adalat is part of the bank's ongoing efforts to reduce the NPA burden through alternative dispute resolution mechanisms. **ENS**

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

07TH July : The universe is full of wild and wonderful things. Here's one: if you were to look at the smallest known particles through the most powerful microscope, you wouldn't be able to work out both where it is and where it's going. You could do one or the other, but not both. Now some scientists are saying the same rule might apply to bigger things - such as you and me. Well, that would certainly account for some confusion!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
It's time for second chances, especially if you're regretting any mistakes. Don't expect anything too wonderful today, but, as the week passes, you may begin to deal with old memories and lay certain ghosts to rest. The answers to your questions may be found where you least expect them.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Today's lunar alignments are not exactly restful, partly because your traditional, comfortable habits will be challenged, but also because you might have to shell out a little more money than usual. Yet extravagance is sometimes a cosmic necessity!

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
The same set of lunar challenges to your sign happens once a month, regular as clockwork, though the dates vary. When this happens, as it does today, other people are mysteriously motivated to challenge your feelings and decisions. Listen carefully to their good advice, though.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
A little hard work never did anyone any harm. The only trouble with your solar chart is that whenever the Moon favours a businesslike routine, as it does now, you are psychologically inclined to irresponsibility! But, then, as people who are familiar with you know, you are a complicated person!

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Mercury, the celestial trickster, is playing a new role in your solar chart, rewarding all of you who never gave up hope, even when there seemed no chance of success. Over the next two or three weeks, you will have an opportunity, a slight one admittedly, to right a wrong.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Along with many other people, you are about to find that your opinions and attitudes are going to have to change. Any Virgoan survival course over the next month must take into account the need for sincere ideals and spiritual growth. Only the highest standards will do, but then you know that already.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Something rather strange is about to happen. The theme for the week is bringing hidden things into the open, revealing secrets and uncovering the truth. You might be rather surprised by what you find, and you may decide to alter your plans as a result.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Enough has been said about your professional hopes, and also about any involvement in a partner's ambitions. However, at the risk of sounding like a cracked record, I must remind you that from now until another three months have passed, a number of old emotional issues will return to the top of the agenda.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
The Moon will encourage you to imagine that the world lies at your feet. There's a certain magic in the air, which lends you the courage and confidence necessary to succeed. As soon as you decide that something should be done, other people will have to fall into line.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Keep yourself to yourself if you wish. After all, nobody has any automatic right to pry into your private affairs. The best way to use your planetary energies is first to have as much rest as you need, and then to involve yourself in activities with a charitable slant.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
If you imagined that one particular social liaison had disappeared for ever, think again. There is everything to be gained from reopening old contacts, even those which involve a fair degree of pain or regret. You might soon discover that somebody who you thought never cared for you is really rather well-disposed.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Social contacts are taking you back to the past, and quite right, too! Even if you're taking time off, spare a little thought for professional plans or for another of your favourite ambitions. You don't like time-wasters and you won't be happy if you are forced to squander your energy.

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

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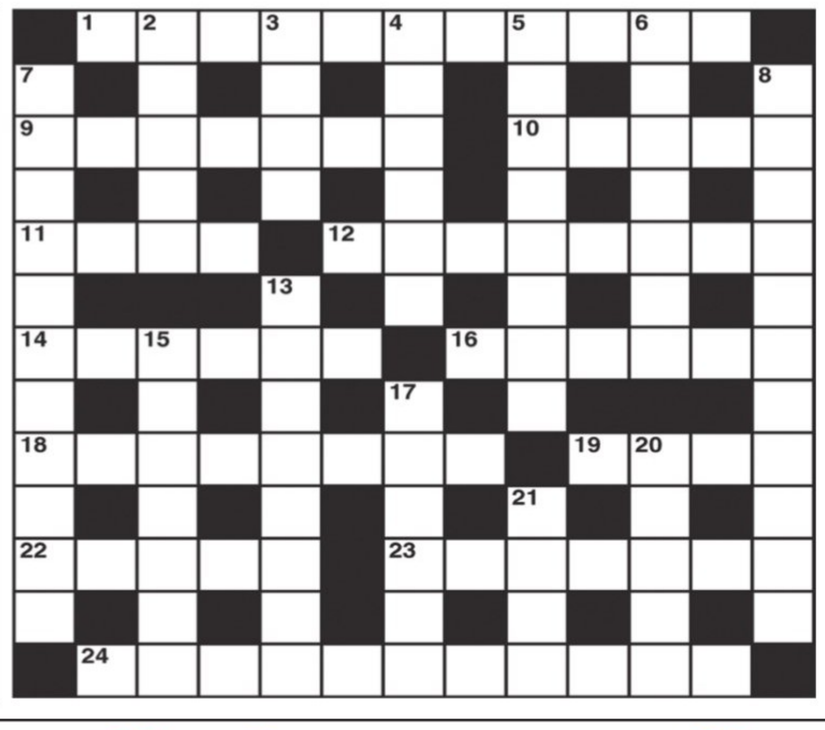
SU DO KU EASY

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS

1 Novel kind of alarm sirens (5,6)
9 Provokes old record players (7)
10 A view first seen in Virginia (5)
11 The Hispano-French girl? (4)
12 Slash the price of flimsy material (8)
14 Think what people who count will do (6)
16 He is in highest command (6)
18 Back at sea (2,6)
19 A bit of leave (4)
22 Ten is about all right as a symbol (5)
23 One task the fewer for the unemployed (7)
24 A celeb; someone going to Italy perhaps (11)

DOWN

2 Having no flaws though I have a lot (5)
3 A friend totally childless (4)
4 There's many a shipwreck caused by accident (6)
5 He gives notice (8)
6 Take a liberty? (7)
7 Question wrongly put to trainer for example (11)
8 Told off for having cadged a lift to work? (5,2,4)
13 Large sums made out of composing songs? (8)
15 Sound expert the French follow (7)
17 A capital fellow with a hard-working reputation (6)
20 Porter right on his toes (5)
21 Third man sounds competent enough (4)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Accost, 4 Offstage, 9 Candid, 10 Gainsaid, 12 Laud, 13 Links, 14 Pier, 17 Discontinued, 20 Disobedience, 23 Slap, 24 Pause, 25 Heal, 28 Apple pie, 29 Portia, 30 Listless, 31 Source.

Down: 1 Accolade, 2 Conquest, 3 Suit, 5 Frankincense, 6 Sent, 7 Adagio, 8 Endure, 11 Dictionaries, 15 Sofia, 16 Devil, 18 Inventor, 19 Cellmate, 21 Israel, 22 Campus, 26 Well, 27 So-so.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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I've never had a client who loves getting their fur washed as much as you!
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5/12
WHAT KIND OF DOG LOVES TO TAKE A BATH?

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

A " " (Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: EERIE LOFTY ELEVEN SUGARY
Answer: The optometrists disagreed because they weren't — SEEING EYE TO EYE

Three people were injured after a mini-truck split into two, with the front cabin falling off a bridge following a crash on Saturday near Ramasandra Bridge, within the Jnanabharathi traffic police limits. According to the police, the vehicle, transporting bedsheets and cotton from Byadarahalli to Kengeri, was being driven rashly and negligently by the driver, Raghavendra

Idol desecration sparks tension in Shivamogga

2 held, no violence as police deploy forces

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Shivamogga

TENSION prevailed at Bangarappa Badavane in Ragigudda area here on Saturday night after miscreants allegedly desecrated recently installed religious idols.

Residents condemned the act and expressed anger over what they viewed as a deliberate attempt to hurt religious sentiments.

Senior police officers visited the spot and held discussions with the community to maintain calm. The police said the idols were installed recently at an open park. An under-construction house of an advocate, identified as Siddiqui, is situated in front of the park. One Niyamat takes care of the construction work. Locals alleged that one of Niyamat's friends dislodged the Naga idol and threw it away. The police said the idol was found in the same location, but only the glue that was used to stick it to the cement floor had been loosened.

Police said two people, including the main accused, have been arrested. They are Syed Ahmad and Niyamat. The platform to place the idol was constructed three days ago, and the accused had objected to it. The accused have been booked for atrocity against SC/STs and hurting religious sentiments. There has been no violence and the situation is peaceful. The police deployed forces to prevent any untoward incident, they added.

BJP state president and Shikaripura MLA BY Vijayendra, in a post on social media alleged recurring acts of mischief in the district. He also accused the government of inaction and warned of consequences if timely steps are not taken. On Saturday, MLA SN Channabasappa visited the spot and alleged that the house belonging to the accused is illegally built on government land and it should be demolished. On Sunday, former DCM KS Eshwarappa visited the spot and attacked the state government for its 'inaction' against those who are disturbing peace.

"The government has set up a Special Action Force to address communal tension and related incidents in Dakshina Kannada, Udupi, and Shivamogga. What action will the government take against the accused? ", he asked.

MUHARRAM PROCESSION

Shia Muslims flagellate themselves during a religious procession marking Ashura, the tenth day of the Islamic month of Muharram, near Johnson Market in Bengaluru, on Sunday | ALLEN EGENUSE J

K'taka digitises medico-legal certs, autopsy reports across govt hosps

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Health Department has mandated the implementation of the MedLEaPR (Medico Legal Examination and Post-Mortem Reports) portal, a digital platform developed by the National Informatics Centre (NIC), for issuing all medico-legal certificates (MLCs) and post-mortem reports (PMRs) across government hospitals in the state.

In an order issued on July 5, the department stated that MedLEaPR is now live and must be used exclusively for preparing and submitting all MLCs and PMRs. Handwritten reports will no longer be accepted.

All doctors and medical officers involved in issuing MLCs and PMRs under the Health and Family Welfare Services are required to register on the portal. Their registrations must be verified and approved by a designated nodal officer within two days of submission, based on their official hospital ID.

If the portal is temporarily non-functional, doctors must issue a computer-typed report in the prescribed format immediately, and upload it to the portal within 24 hours. The reports must also be finalised and frozen on the portal within seven days of preparation. Strict compliance with these timelines has been directed, and any violations will be viewed seriously, the department noted.

Victims in chit fund scam seek DCM's help

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

NEARLY a month after filing a complaint, victims of a Rs 3 crore chit fund scam have approached Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar, alleging police inaction. A family of four from JP Nagar is accused of duping over 250 people before fleeing.

Pushpalatha V (45), a resident of Puttenahalli, filed the complaint against Sudha, her husband Siddachari, son Yashvanth, and daughter Varshini. The family vacated their Jaraganahalli home and vanished after collecting money from investors in 40 chit-fund batches.

Preliminary probe revealed that the family had been operating the illegal chit fund business for 25 years without a licence. The victims told police that around 250 to 300 people had been paying monthly amounts to the family, who were operating around 40 different chit fund batches. These included Rs 5 lakh, Rs 3 lakh, and Rs 2 lakh schemes. The police further added that the couple ran a grocery shop and had gained the trust of residents, encouraging them to invest.

The police added that the family have switched off their mobile phones and CCTV footages are being analysed to trace them. Though the family allegedly escaped on June 3, a complaint was filed on June 5. Victims now claim that no arrests have been made and are demanding swift action to recover their money. One of the victims said that despite filing the complaint, no action had been taken. "We also approached Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar to direct the police to take swift action against the accused," she said.

KERALA COUPLE CHEATS OVER 100 INVESTORS, ESCAPES WITH ₹12 CR

Bengaluru: A Kerala-based couple, who ran a chit fund and finance company in Ramamurthy Nagar, haves allegedly cheated investors of Rs 12 crore and are now absconding. The firm, "A & A Chit Fund and Finance", was operated by AV Tomy and his wife Shiny Tomy. According to an FIR filed by a resident of Ramamurthy Nagar, Savio (64), the couple promised high returns and collected funds through deposits and chit schemes. "My family and I invested about Rs 70 lakh. Recently, we noticed the office was shut, and their phones were switched off," the complaint states. Over 100 investors are believed to have been duped. Ramamurthy Nagar police have registered a case under relevant sections of the Chit Funds Act, the Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Ordinance, and other provisions.

EXPRESS READ

Journalist abused in road rage incident; police delay filing FIR

Bengaluru: A 38-year-old journalist was allegedly abused by a car driver in a road rage incident near New Thippasandra Road on June 2. The incident occurred in the Jeevan Bheema Nagar police limits. According to the FIR, journalist K C Deepika was returning home from work on her two-wheeler around 9.45 pm when a car (KA-03 NB 6690) brushed past her vehicle. As she tried to avoid confrontation, the car driver took the key from her two-wheeler, and began hurling verbal abuse. Despite filing a complaint, she said police initially refused to file an FIR. The complaint was accepted four days later, on Sunday. The FIR notes that the driver blocked her path, used vulgar language, and issued threats.

Four booked for assaulting SC/ST Nomadic Board chairperson Pallavi

Bengaluru: The High Grounds police have registered an FIR against four individuals for allegedly abusing and misbehaving with Karnataka SC/ST Nomadic Development Corporation Chairperson Pallavi G. The incident took place during a meeting for a nomadic convention at Gandhi Bhavan on Saturday. The accused allegedly disrupted her speech, shouted at her using derogatory language, and demanded that she leave. They reportedly even used singular and disrespectful language against her. The accused also allegedly pulled her saree and threatened her. Although some women intervened, they were also manhandled. A woman named Prabhavati has filed a formal complaint.

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, "e"-PROCUREMENT NOTICE
WORKS DEPARTMENT
E-mail : ceroads.bbsr@gmail.com
B-263 **Bid Identification No. CE-Roads-I-05 / 2025-26**

1. The Chief Engineer (Roads-I), Odisha on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bids in double cover system through ONLINE MODE form eligible contractors for Roadwork as mentioned below:
2. Nature of work : Road/Bridge works
3. No. of work : 4 Nos.
4. Tender Paper cost : Rs.10,000.00
5. Class of Contractor : 'A' Class/Special Class
6. Available of bid document in the website : From 10.00 A.M. of 09.07.2025 to 5.30 PM of 28.07.2025
7. Date of opening of Bid : Dt.29.07.2025 at 11.30 A.M.
8. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: https://tenderodisha.gov.in . Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Roads-I), Odisha,
OIPR- 34181/11/0027/2526

INVITING NOMINATIONS FOR SUN PHARMA SCIENCE FOUNDATION CLINICAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP 2025
SUN PHARMA SCIENCE FOUNDATION

EMPOWERING CLINICIANS TO CARRY OUT INDEPENDENT CLINICAL RESEARCH

We invite Young Clinician Scientists to apply for the **'Sun Pharma Science Foundation Clinical Research** Fellowship 2025'. This fellowship is meant to support brilliant and upcoming early career clinicians working in India. An assistant professor employed in any medical college in India will be eligible to be considered for this research fellowship. Preference will be given to an assistant professor who has obtained the first academic appointment within three years prior to the date of announcement of the fellowship. The research proposed to be carried out under this fellowship should be an independent project of the applicant, and must not be part of a group or departmental research project. The research will need to be done on a specific project under the supervision of a researcher from a renowned institution in India (Desirable: in case of an external mentor, the candidate should visit the mentor's institution). The aim is to empower clinicians to carry out independent clinical research.

▲ **The 'Sun Pharma Science Foundation Clinical Research Fellowship 2025'**
This research fellowship will be offered for a total duration of six months, which may be availed of by a selected applicant in one or more (not exceeding three) disjointed periods of time within three years from being awarded. The selected fellow will receive; (a) a maximum of Rs. 9 lakhs as stipend for conducting the approved research project, an amount consistent with the selected fellow's current salary, should their employer not provide any salary support during the period of internship for conducting research elsewhere, (b) a modest amount for travel, boarding & lodging, if required and (c) a maximum of Rs 1.2 lakhs paid directly as bench fee to the training institution. However, the amount will be decided on the basis of the nature of the proposed project.

Eligibility
❖ An assistant professor employed in any medical college in India will be eligible to be considered for this research fellowship.

How to apply
❖ The applicants should submit their nominations online using this link: https://www.sunpharmasciencefoundation.net/

A copy of the filled application form with all supporting documents should reach the foundation's office within 15 days of the last date of application.

For any further information, please contact:
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email: sunpharma.sciencefoundation@sunpharma.com
Website: https://www.sunpharmasciencefoundation.net/

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the general public that my client is intended to purchase the below schedule property from its owners. Any person/s or institutions having an interest or any right, title, charge, lien and minor claims whatsoever over the schedule property may lodge his/her and their/its claim to the undersigned with documentary proof with in a period of 7 days from the date of this publication failing which it will be presumed here that no objections /claims, disputes in respect of the schedule property and my client shall proceed with the transaction.

SCHEDULE.

All that piece and parcel of property bearing Municipal No.713, with PID No.19-03-713, having EPID No.9384849255, located at 8th Main, III Block, III Stage, Basaveshwaranagara, West of Chord Road, Bengaluru-560079 comprises of land measuring in all to 2138.79 square feet and old Residential building built there on with Ground and First Floor with built up area of about 2600 Square feet with four bed rooms, two Halls, with RCC Roof, and bounded on:-
East by: By private property bearing Municipal No.714, measuring on that side 11.80 meters,
West by: By Road called and known as 2nd "C" Cross Road, measuring on that side 12.60 Meter
North by: By private property bearing Municipal No.712, measuring on that side 16.10 meters and,
South by: BY road called known as 8th Main Road, measuring, on that side 16.30 meter.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 07-07-2025

Pradeep B.V. Advocate
No. 114 & 115, 'Bindu Galaxy' #2,1st Main Road, Rajajinagara Industrial Town, Bengaluru-560044. Mobile:-94817-78692.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Mutteppa I Goti, S/o Sri. Irappa is intending to purchase the schedule property from its owners Sri. Ashok. K @ Ashok Krishna Reddy, S/o Sri. T Kirshna Reddy, for a valid sale consideration. If any persons having any claims, right, title, interest, whatsoever over the schedule property may forward their objections to the undersigned in writing, within TEN days from the date of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right, title or interest by anybody and my client will proceed with the completion of sale transaction and will get register the absolute sale deed of the schedule property in his favour.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residential Plot bearing No. 19 (21/3/19) (Southern Portion), in Shiva Reddy Layout, Ward No. 191, situated at Naganathapura Village,Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, under BBMP limits, in Sy.No.21/3, measuring East to West 17.98 meter (equivalent to 59 feet) and North to South 7.92 meter (equivalent to 26 feet) in all measuring 142.51 square meter (equivalent to 1534 square feet) having e-katha no. 1792144717 and bounded on the

EAST BY : ROAD, WEST BY : PRIVATE PROPERTY, NORTH BY: REMAINING NOTHERN PORTION OF SAME, SITE NO 19 BELONGS TO ASHOK K, SOUTH BY: PRIVATE PROPERTY

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Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id:** crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Phone:** 0435-2432322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746

TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.99,54,986/- (Rupees Ninety Nine Lakh Fifty Four Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty Six only)** as on **03-07-2025** together with further interest to be charged from **04-07-2025** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) M/s. RK Engineering Company, No.2 D, New No.26, 8th A Cross, Ganapathi Nagar, Laggere Peenya 2nd Stage, Bangalore - 560058. No.2) Mr. K. Raju, S/o. Kuppan R, # 10/3, Rajagounder Manikamma Illam, 3rd Main Road, Sri Kanteshwara Nagar, Nandhini Layout, Bangalore - 560096. No.3) Mr. R. Kuppan, S/o. Raju Gownder, # 10/3, Rajagounder Manikamma Illam, 3rd Main Road, Sri Kanteshwara Nagar, Nandhini Layout, Bangalore - 560096.**

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
(Property Owned by Mr. R. Kuppan, S/o. Raju Gownder)

All that piece and parcel of Property being a portion out of Municipal No.10, (formerly No.10, in Sy. No.96/2 of Jarakabandekaval). Measuring : East to West on the North Side : 35.7 feet, on the South Side : 39 feet, North to South on the East Side : 26 feet, on the West Side : 40 feet, situated at 3rd Main Road, Sri Kanteswara Nagar, Bengaluru City Corporation, now Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru and bounded as under : East by : Subbiahs Property, West by : Portion of Property Old No.10, North by : Private Property, South by : Road,(Now formed in MI.No.10).

Reserve Price : Rs.1,82,00,000/-
(Rupees One Crore Eighty Two Lakh only)

AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
14-08-2025	**City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Basavanagudi Branch,** No.194, Ground Floor, S.C.Road, Near Netkallappa Circle, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru Urban-560004. Telephone No.080-26612162, Cell No.9343879470.

Terms and Conditions of Tender-cum-Auction Sale :
(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Basavanagudi Branch, No.194, Ground Floor, S.C.Road, Near Netkallappa Circle, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru Urban-560004. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact : **Telephone No.080-26612162, Cell No.9343879470. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 04-07-2025 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office: 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.**0435-2402322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746, **Website:** www.cityunionbank.com

Kolar District Co-Operative Milk Producer's Societies Union Limited., Kolar
[P.B No. 63, N.H - 75, Huthur Post, Kolar – 563102. Karnataka]
(Ph.No 08152-282 310/350/331,7760964517, E-Mail- komulpurchase@yahoo.com)

IFT No. KMU/ PUR/ E-PROCUREMENT/1691/2025-26 **Date: 04.07.2025**

The Kolar Milk Union Limited, Kolar invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the supply of the following materials.

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sl.No	Description of Material	Qty
01	Wall/Shop Painting Advertisement for the period of One Year to KOMUL	1,00,000 Sqft
02	Supply of Dealer Boards for the period of One Year to KOMUL	500 No's
03	Supply of A Sign Boards for the period of One Year to KOMUL	500 No's
04	Supply of Bottle Coolers 200 Ltrs for the period of One Year to KOMUL	20 No's
05	Supply of Bottle Coolers 300 Ltrs for the period of One Year to KOMUL	50 No's
06	Supply of Bottle Coolers 400 Ltrs for the period of One Year to KOMUL	25 No's
07	Supply of Visi Coolers 350 Ltrs for the period of One Year to KOMUL	50 No's
08	**Customized Parlour Branding for the period of One Year to KOMUL**	
	● Backlit Star Flex Glow Sign Board	2000 Sqft
	● Nonvik Star flex Board.	1000 Sqft
	● Vinyl mounted Sun-Board with lamination	3000 Sqft
	● Vinyl Sticker with Lamination	2000 Sqft
	● LED 3D sign board	2000 Sqft
09	Providing, Fabricating, Erection, commissioning and Branding (Including Civil Works) of Shops at various places KOMUL jurisdiction for the period of One Year	12 No's

Access to E-tender Documents : 07.07.2025 to 06.08.2025 5.30 PM
Last date for submission : on or before 06.08.2025, 5.30 PM
Date of opening of Tech. Tender : 08.08.2025, 11.00 AM onwards
Tender documents may be downloaded from e-procurement website https://Kppp.Karnataka.gov.in/

Sd/-
M.D.KOMUL

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -I, AT BENGALURU
No. 1, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore - 560 001
O.A. No.1048/2023

Between: Bank Of Baroda, Nagappa Block Branch ....**Applicant**
And
Smt. Suguna V & Others ...Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 TO DEFENDANTS THROUGH PAPER PUBLICATION

To : 1.Mrs. Suguna V., W/o. Chandrashekar M., aged about 42 Years, R/at No. 864/A, 6th 'C' Main, 6th Cross, Prakashnagara , Rajajinagar, Bangalore - 560 021.
2. Mr. Partibhan N. S/o. Narasimha, aged about 46 Years, R/at No. 07, 1st Cross, BDS Layoot, Shiavaramkaranth Nagar, Bangalore - 560 067.
3. M/s. Tanjore Printers., Represented by its Proprietrix, Mrs. Suguna V., At: No. 864/A, 6th 'C' Main, 6th Cross, Prakashnagara, Rajajinagar, Bangalore - 560 021.

Whereas, the Applicant Bank has instituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Bankruptcy Act, 1993, against you for the recovery of sum of **Rs.27,19,838/-** (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakhs Nineteen Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Eight Only) with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs. You hereby required to show-cause within 30 days from the date of publication of the summons on or before **03.11.2025 at 10:30 a.m.** in the forenoon in person or by a Pleader/ Advocate duly instructed as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted.
Take notice that in default of appearance, on the day mentioned hereinabove, the proceedings will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of this Hon'ble Tribunal on 28.04.2025

Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -I , Bangalore
Advocate for Applicant Bank
Prakash Hegde K.

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -I, AT BENGALURU
No. 1, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore - 560 001
O.A. No.106/2024

Between: Canara Bank, Kurubarahalli Branch ....**Applicant**
And
M/s. Shayan Enterprises ...Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 TO DEFENDANTS THROUGH PAPER PUBLICATION

To : M/s. Shayan Enterprises, Represented by its Proprietor Mr. Raghu B. M. Having business at, Shed No. 55. 39, 40, 41,48,49,50, Sigehalli Bus Depo Road, Magadi Main Road, Sigehalli, Bangalore - 560 091.
Also R/at. No. S-1215, Amruth Mahal, 6th Cross, 6th Main, 2nd Stage, BEL Layout, Bharath Nagar, Magadi Main Road, Bangalore - 560 091.

Whereas, the Applicant Bank has instituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Bankruptcy Act, 1993, against you for the recovery of sum of **Rs.23,86,768.56** (Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Eighty Six Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Eight and Paise Fifty Six Only) with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs. You hereby required to show-cause within 30 days from the date of publication of the summons on or before **09.12.2025 at 10:30 a.m.** in the forenoon in person or by a Pleader/ Advocate duly instructed as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted.
Take notice that in default of appearance, on the day mentioned hereinabove, the proceedings will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of this Hon'ble Tribunal on 04.06.2025

Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -I , Bangalore
Advocate for Applicant Bank
Prakash Hegde K.

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E-tenders are invited from eligible tenderers online through **https://tntenders.gov.in for the** supply of 3000 Nos. of Power-Driven Chaff Cutters to the units of the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services.

Pre-bid meeting on 15.07.2025 – 11.30 A.M.

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DIPR/3438/TENDER/2025 **Chief Executive Officer**

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TAHDCO is inviting short term e-tenders for single cover and Double cover works in 31 Districts to the tune of Rs.116.78 crore for the construction of Katral Karpithal Kudam, New Shopping Complex buildings and Renovation, Adi Driavidar College and School Hostels, GTR School Hostel and Infrastructure facilities to Schools, Adi Dravidar Habitation improvement, Community Hall and new graveyard shed with Waiting hall and Compound wall. All registered and renewed eligible contractors in TAHDCO alone for the year 2025-2026 should participate in the e-Tender. For further details please refer **www.tahdco.com**.

DIPR/ 3466 /TENDER/2025 **Managing Director**

The Kolar Parliamentary constituency, considered a stronghold of the JDS, is gearing up for a major membership drive under the leadership of the party's youth president Nikhil Kumaraswamy, according to Kolar MP Mallesh Babu

'CORRUPTION MORE DANGEROUS THAN CANCER'

JUSTICE **B Veerappa**, Upa Lokayukta, Karnataka, is on a mission to cauterise the cancerous growth of corruption in bureaucracy. In an interaction with *TNIE*, he says the fight against corruption has to begin in the mother's womb. He is determined to make the anti-corruption watchdog more powerful than ever at a time when IPS officers from within the Lokayukta too are mired in corruption.
Here are the excerpts:

Who do you think the corrupt are — people or elected representatives?
Corruption has prevailed since pre-Independence. Society as a whole is full of corruption, except for a few.

Why is corruption so rampant?
There are good laws like the Prevention of Corruption Act, but the people appointed do not implement them properly.

What makes people in power corrupt?
Position and possession. With selfish agendas, everybody is fighting for position and wealth. Corruption is more dangerous than cancer. Cancer can be cured, but not corruption.

What is the role of the Lokayukta institution as a whole?
In all, about 25,000 cases are pending before the institution. Of them, nearly 8,000 are false. These pose the biggest problem, causing colossal waste of time and manpower. Many such complaints are being filed to achieve a selfish agenda. By the time we find out, three years would have been lost as we have to follow all the procedures to dispose them of, including issuing notices to the concerned, calling for explanation and scrutiny. People should resist filing such complaints and allow us to give quality time to genuine complaints. The more we visit the districts, the more complaints we receive. But the manpower is not enough to take up these complaints. The institution is facing a severe shortage of staff and vehicles. We write often to the authorities, but no government is interested in strengthening the institution.

Which department is the most corrupt?
Can't specify any particular government department or agency, but wherever we go, there is corruption. There are two types of corrupt public servants: The first come under the radar of Upa Lokayuktas, while the second under the jurisdiction of the Lokayukta. Along with Lokayukta Justice BS Patil and Upa Lokayukta Justice KN Phaneendra, I have conducted surprise visits to the departments and places like Bescom, BBMP, BWSSB, Excise Department, lakes in Bengaluru, Sakhi Centre at Majestic, Legal Metrology Department, sub-registrars' offices, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, storm water drains on Hosur Road, Mittaganahalli Solid Waste Management site and Maharani's College in Bengaluru, where the general public are suffering more.

Do you think the mode of corruption has changed?
Yes. Keeping pace with the changing economic offences, we have started checking digital payment apps installed in mobile phones of public servants wherever we visit. It has disclosed lakhs of unauthorised transactions beyond their legitimate income. Not just money, even ganja and liquor bottles were found when we conducted a surprise visit to the Excise Department.

How is the Lokayukta institution changing the system?
Change should start from the mother's womb when it comes to corruption, because the Lokayukta alone cannot. The mother has to teach culture to children, and inculcate honesty in them. Not just that, she has to question her husband or children if they come with more money, whether it is legitimately earned or otherwise. If they are guilty, correct them then and there. Parents should tell their children to be honest so that they can lead a good and peaceful life. But the present situation is different. Unfortunately, teachers are focusing only on children getting 99% by hook or crook. These children may get high marks, but at the same time, they will also indulge in corruption in the same proportion when they reach positions like IAS or IPS. That is why wherever I go, I motivate children and youngsters to be honest. I declare my assets and liabilities every year without fail.

What is your opinion of the recent incident involving Lokayukta former SP Srinath Mahadeva Joshi, who was allegedly extorting public servants?
We got a tipoff, watched and caught constable Ningappa Savant colluding with Joshi and registered the crime. This shows we are committed, attentive and responsible to what is happening inside our house. The investigation is on. It happened despite the selection of good people among bad. Going a step ahead to strengthen Lokayukta and protect its autonomy, I have suggested to Lokayukta Justice BS Patil to bring in a system of appointing our own people, preferably ex-army personnel, instead of getting police officers on deputation, as they may be affiliated to this political party or the other.

EXPRESS Dialogues

People should start ignoring corrupt people to remove corruption. But unfortunately, the corrupt people are glorified. Ultimately, the achievement of corrupt people is zero

Justice B Veerappa, Upa Lokayukta

What kind of complaints do you usually receive?
All kinds, including of land encroachment. Once a man approached us and said, "They (officials) are giving widow pension to my wife when I am alive." Even officials get their share of such 'widow' pension in some districts. The present schemes (guarantees) are benefiting only the kin of officials more than those who actually need them. Whenever we come across those illegalities, we fix them.

There is a general perception that nothing happens without money. Is it true?
True, nothing moves. One needs money or influence. But there is a fear of the Lokayukta institution among public servants. We don't let such errant officials free. To quote a few heart-wrenching stories, after a nine-year-long battle for retirement benefits, Nagarathnamma from Kolar district got over Rs 20 lakh as retirement benefits. A widow of a martyr in KR Pet taluk of Mandya district had to fight for 25 years to get a piece of land after the death of her husband in Pulwama, Jammu and Kashmir. After our intervention, she is getting a site in a developed layout of the government.

What are the reasons behind low conviction rate in criminal cases?
Conviction is low because parties do not support the case during trial. Many turn hostile. Nobody fights for truth and everyone is greedy for money. Despite all this, India records the highest disposal of corruption cases globally.

Is there hope, or is everything lost?
No. I am the last person to say that. I have hope and faith. Even after 75 years of Independence, we are not able to implement the Constitution in true spirit. Now, the time has come to introspect. Youngsters should think of their responsibilities. Youth should have faith in patriotism and not in a private cricket event, which led to a stampede.

Do you think the Karnataka Lokayukta Act needs to be amended?
Yes. There must be an amendment. The Lokayukta institution should be given powers to take disciplinary action, at least to suspend officials found guilty during inquiry. There are good people in all fields, and they are frustrated, which may explode anytime, resulting in a revolt against corruption.

What about encroachment of lakes and forest land?
We are mercilessly evicting encroachers wherever it has come to our notice. For instance, in Tumakuru, we recovered 300 acres of forest land which was encroached by a few farmers. Earlier, Bengaluru was called the 'City of 1,000 lakes'. Today, we cannot see even 100 lakes because of encroachment.

What keeps you motivated to fight corruption?
As a child, I was passionate about reading books on Swami Vivekananda, Bhagat Singh, Subhas Chandra Bose and so on. I am motivated by my father and mother, who taught me culture. They used to tell me: "You don't do anything for us, you live honestly." Being the son of a farmer, I want to remove corruption in its entirety. When I look at the system, it pains me. I am trying my best to clean society and for the restoration of dharma. Whenever I got an opportunity to pray, I prayed to the Almighty to bless me with good mind and to give me strength to destroy evil. That is what I did when the archak of the Mariyamma temple in Udupi asked me to pray before the Goddesses.

How did you enter the legal profession, and what you do in your leisure time?
Since my student days, I have been patriotic. After my degree, I tried to become a sub-inspector. At that time, the minister concerned demanded a Rs 70,000 bribe. I told the minister, "I will not pay even 70 paise, and asked him, 'Are you not ashamed to ask?'" My father thrashed me in front of the minister and told me I would not achieve anything in life. I challenged him. Then I went to Jnanabharathi (Bangalore University) to pursue my MA, but I faced a similar problem. Then I told them, "Being teachers, you do such things?" They said I spoke like a lawyer. Then, a thought came to mind: Why shouldn't I become a lawyer? Then I went to then chief minister Kadidal Manjappa, who told me that pursuing law is difficult for farmers' children. But I did not give up, did my law and became a lawyer as well as a judge.

What are your hobbies?
Reading is my favourite hobby. I am also interested in music and bharatanatyam, which is taught to my granddaughter. I used to watch Dr Rajkumar's movies, namely 'Bhoo Kailasha', 'Bangarada Manushya' and also NTR's 'Adavi Ramudu'. A song impressed me from the Adavi Ramudu movie, 'Krishi Unte Manushulu Rushulu Autaru, Mahatmulautaru' (If man does farming (hard work), he becomes a saint and later a great man).

What is your message to corrupt public servants and politicians?
People should start ignoring corrupt people to remove corruption. But unfortunately, the corrupt people are glorified. Ultimately, the achievement of corrupt people is zero. If they earn through unfair means and when they die, their children cry only for a day. Soon after they revolt and divide the property. If we put our mind to it, we can make Karnataka corruption free.

FLOWERS FOR THE FOUNDER

Former CM BS Yediyurappa and Leader of Opposition in the Council Chaluvadi Narayanaswamy offer tributes to Bharatiya Jana Sangh founder Syama Prasad Mookerjee on his birth anniversary at the BJP office in Bengaluru on Sunday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

BJP SLAMS GOVERMENT OVER RAYAREDDY'S STATEMENT

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

BJP Karnataka has criticised Chief Minister's Economic Advisor Basavaraj Rayareddy's statement on the guarantee schemes, where he reportedly told villagers to say "no" to guarantees if they want development works in their village.

Slamming the state government, the state BJP's X handle said that on one hand, the state government and the CM are claiming that they are not facing any financial issues with the guarantee schemes, while on the other... "What does Rayareddy's statement indicate," the BJP questioned. BJP Karnataka mocked that a senior legislator from the Congress and the CM's Economic Advisor is himself directly admitting that the guarantee schemes have impacted road work and other development and infrastructure projects in the state.

It further stated that Congress leaders stated that everything is free, but now they are keeping mum. The guarantee schemes have not been implemented, and at the same time, there is no development work. The Congress MLAs are expressing their displeasure as well, it said.

Meanwhile, Leader of Opposition in the Assembly R Ashoka also criticised Rayareddy's statement, saying the latter himself has admitted that this is a 'pauper' government. "People will be left empty-handed," he stated.

CM Siddaramaiah attends Dr Babu Jagjivan Ram's 39th death anniversary programme at Vidhana Soudha on Sunday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

'Siddu not interested in natl politics'

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

THE CMO later issued the statement denying that he had been made the council chairman. "The meeting will be held in Bengaluru under the chairmanship of AICC Backward Classes wing president Dr Anil Jaihind. The chief minister will host the meeting, which will be attended by 50 leaders, including former chief ministers of various states, sitting and former MPs and MLAs," it said.

Sources said Siddaramaiah is not interested in national politics and may not accept the post if offered. There is a difference of opinion among his followers, they added.

"There are many wings in the party for various sections of society. BJP gets restless if it doesn't raise issues like this," Deputy CM DK Shivakumar said, replying to BJP leaders' statement that it is a ploy to move Siddaramaiah to national politics.

Shivakumar claimed that he suggested that the meeting be held at the KPCC office in Bengaluru since the party is in power in the state.

We'll win 130 seats if polls held now: BYV

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mysuru

BJP will win a minimum of 130 seats and will bounce back to power if elections are held now, said state BJP president BY Vijayendra here on Sunday.

Declaring that he will not rest till he brings back BJP to power in the state, he said it will work as a double-engine government in coordination with the Centre.

Speaking at the inauguration of the BJP convention to mark the NDA government's 11 years in office at the Centre, Vijayendra said he has accepted the challenge to see that BJP wins the highest number of seats in the Old Mysuru region. He claimed that BJP will sweep zilla and taluk panchayat polls.

He said that even as Congress is trying to broker peace and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar has hinted that he has stepped out of the chief minister's race, the Congress high command has made up its mind to seek the resignation of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. Randeep Singh Surjewala (AICC General Secretary, Karnataka in-charge) has laid the foundation for leadership change by gathering the opinion of party legislators, he added. "Congress has also appointed Siddaramaiah as convener of the AICC Backwards Classes Advisory Committee to shift him to New Delhi. I am confident that Siddaramaiah's position will be changed. He cannot escape and will have to resign in the next two months," he said.

Vijayendra said Congress MLAs have openly expressed their displeasure and people are cursing the government over rising prices, corruption and poor governance. "We're not bothered about who will become CM, but want a new government that will meet the aspirations of the people," he added.

Condemning the vandalism of religious idols in Shivamogga, Vijayendra alleged that the Congress government's minority appeasement politics is leading to such incidents. Hindu activist Praveen Shetty's murder, attack on Udayagiri police station and Shivamogga incident are because of the Congress government's protection of minorities, he charged.

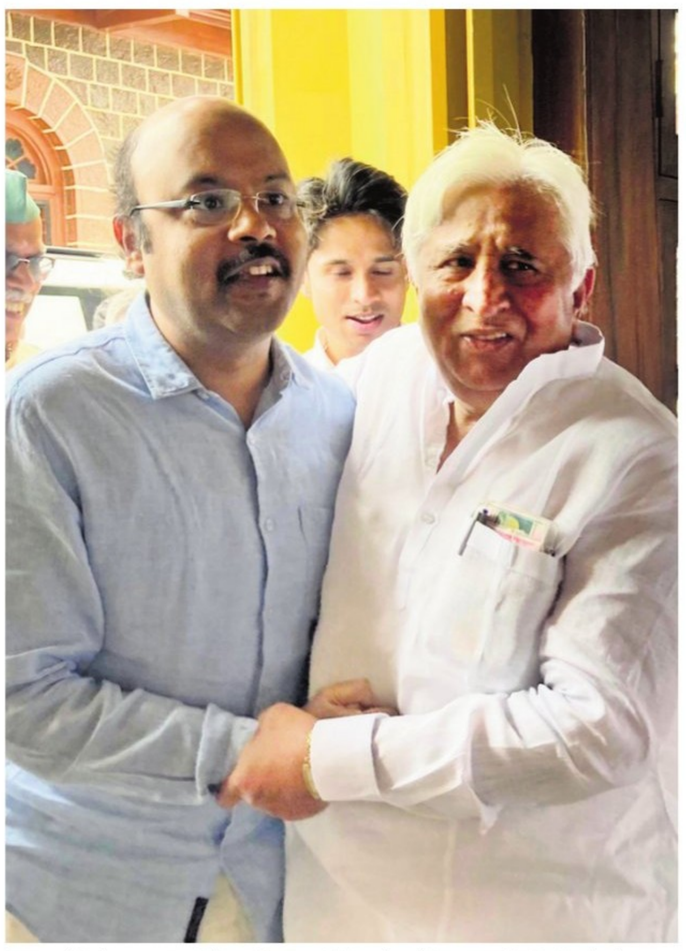
Vijayendra claimed that he will continue as state BJP president because of his performance over the last 18 months. He said he has been able to corner the government in corruption cases, forcing minister Nagendra to resign and Siddaramaiah to surrender MUDA sites.

He criticised chief minister's economic advisor Basavaraj Rayareddy for asking people to give up free rice to get good roads. He accused Siddaramaiah of using the Kantharaj commission report to divert the attention of the people. He said after spending Rs 167 crore on the caste census, the government has finally dumped it at the behest of the Congress High Command and is carrying out a fresh survey.

On BJP's stand on the Mekedatu project, he said the Centre will approve it if the Tamil Nadu government agrees to it.

Devpt works under Congress on track, says Yathindra

GADAG: Reacting to the statement of the Chief Minister's Economic Advisor Basavaraj Rayareddy, Congress MLC Yathindra Siddaramaiah said that the former will give his advice, but the state government has ensured that all guarantees are provided, and development work is in progress. "It is a wrong notion that development works have halted. Funds to the tune of Rs 2,000 crore have been kept for Bengaluru development and Rs 8,000 crore for other regions. We are building a Kanak Bhavan in Mundargi for Rs 4 crore. When compared with BJP's tenure, development works have been happening more now," he claimed. Reacting to a question on change in CM, Yathindra said, "It is left to the high command. There may be some difference of opinion among MLAs. AICC general secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala has also said that there will be no change of CM, and Siddaramaiah will continue in the post for five years," he said. **ENS**



Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister HK Patil and Congress MLC Dr Yathindra Siddaramaiah greet each other in Gadag on Sunday | EXPRESS

While most teenagers spent their Class 11 vacation preparing for entrance exams or relaxing at home, Abin Babu set out on an extraordinary solo adventure, travelling through 20 Indian states and Nepal. He told that hitchhiking is the best option for him and aiming for Mt Everest coming time

4 minors hurt after being crushed under chariots wheels

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Sonepur

FOUR minor boys suffered serious injuries after being reportedly crushed under the wheels of a chariot during the Bahuda Yatra of the Trinity at Binika, Odisha, on Sunday.

The mishap took place around 4 pm near the Gundicha temple in Kansaripada. Sources said the chariots of Lord Balabhadra and Devi Subhadra were being pulled through a surging crowd of devotees gathered for the return journey of the deities. Amid the celebration, a stampede-like situation erupted, and the four minors aged between 12 and 14 years came under the wheels of the chariot.

While people immediately pulled them away from the wheels, one of the children sustained critical injuries. Police said three of the injured boys are from Kansaripada and another is from Nuapada district. The boy from Nuapada, who suffered critical injuries, was referred to Veer Surendra Sai Institute of Medical Sciences and Research (VIMSAR) in Burla. His condition is stable. The other three minors were admitted to the Binka community health centre for treatment.

FURORE IN KERALA

'Spy' vlogger Jyothi came on govt invite: RTI

Jyoti was arrested in May; 41 others were invited

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ T'puram

HARYANA-based vlogger **Jyoti Malhotra**, who was recently arrested on charges of spying for Pakistan, had visited Kerala on the invitation of the state government as part of its efforts to promote tourism, it has emerged.

The revelation, which came in the form of an RTI reply, has triggered controversy with criticism being raised from various corners against the government decision. Jyoti was arrested in May for allegedly carrying out espionage for Pakistan. According to the RTI reply, she was among the 41 social media influencers roped in by the tourism department from January 1, 2024, to May 21, 2025, to promote state tourism.

She had visited Kannur, Kozhikode, Kochi, Alappuzha and Munnar, with the state government bearing her expenses and paying a remuneration. Reacting to the development, Tourism Minister P A Mohamed Riyas said the vloggers were brought to boost the state's tourism prospects. "We had good intentions. Everyone knows that. Do you think the state government invited her for spying and provided all assistance?" he asked.

Riyas said the promotion work of the tourism department is being conducted in the same manner as in the past and the controversy did not frighten him. "People know the truth and they are with us," he said.

Meanwhile, Youth League state secretary P K Firoz said the minister was shirking from his responsibility of giving an explanation on how the fiasco happened.

"The news report of Jyoti being invited by the government is shocking. The minister has the responsibility to answer the questions. Instead, he is giving rude replies and saying people are with them. He should have answered whether the background of the vlogger was scrutinised beforehand. But he is giving arrogant responses and acting as a super chief minister," Firoz said.

I asked Rajiv in Mysuru whether I can quit IFS: Aiyar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

VETERAN diplomat and politician Mani Shankar Aiyar highlighted the difference between grassroots and national politics and said at the local level, it's often the individual who matters more than the party. But at the national level, elections turn into referendums on personalities you vote for or against a face, he added.

Speaking during a session 'Decades of Diplomacy, Democracy and Political Developments' organised as part of 9th Mysuru Literature Festival here on Sunday, Aiyar, known for his sharp wit and candid observations, enthralled the packed audience with reflections on India's democratic journey and milestones from his own political career during the second day of the literature festival.

He recalled how Mysuru held special significance in his life and said it was in Mysuru that he first asked Rajiv Gandhi for permission to leave the Indian Foreign Service and enter politics. "If you want your life to be on a gentle gradient, politics is not for you," Aiyar said.

"But if you are ready to face uncertainty, challenge, and change then it is your calling," he said recalling the decade back conversation.

Book released

A book titled, 'Sing, Dance and Lead: Leadership Lessons from the Teachings of Srila Prabhupada' authoured by renowned writer and historian Hindol Sengupta was released during a session.

Drawing from Srila Prabhupada's global impact, he observed that despite sweeping technological advancements since the spiritual leader's arrival in the United States decades ago, his message continues to inspire because it transcends religious boundaries and speaks to the universal human spirit.

COASTAL OUTCRY

'Edakochi Janakeeya Samiti' members get into water, demanding the construction of a bund to prevent coastal flooding in Palluruthy, Kerala on Sunday | A SANESH

Heavy rain takes a toll on pineapple farmers

RISHITA KHANNA @Bengaluru

HEAVY rainfall in Vazhakulam, Kerala— the country's largest pineapple-growing region — has affected harvesting and reduced the supply of pineapples to Karnataka. As a result, prices have gone up by at least 50% not just in Bengaluru but also in other districts like Mysuru, Mandya, Tumakuru, Mangaluru, and Udupi.

The wholesale rates have increased from around Rs 45 per kg to Rs 80 per kg. With transportation routes blocked and waterlogged in central Kerala, traders say the volume of daily arrivals has dropped by more than half."Kerala's pineapples account for most of the stock we sell. But now, there's barely one or two trucks coming in. Whatever little comes is selling fast, and prices have shot up," Ranjan M, a wholesaler in KR Market, said.

Traders in Bengaluru point out that while Karnataka does have limited pineapple cultivation in parts of Dakshina Kannada, Udupi, and Chikkamagaluru. According to them, the supply is neither steady nor sufficient to meet market demand. Local farmers, too, said that they have faced losses in recent weeks. "Many of us couldn't sell our harvested stock earlier this month because there were no major festivals or wedding functions. The demand was not there. Now, with rains again affecting supply from Kerala, prices have suddenly gone up, but we have no stock left to benefit from it," Nagappa Shankar, a farmer from Belthangady in Dakshina Kannada, said.

Alternative sourcing from Tamil Nadu— including regions like Coimbatore and Nilgiris— remains limited, with traders saying production in these areas was also low this season due to poor flowering earlier in the year, and recent rainfall further affecting transportation.

"With no immediate backup and further rain is forecasted in Kerala, we are expecting the shortfall in supply to continue through the week. Prices are likely to remain high until harvesting resumes and regular movement of produce from Kerala picks up," a trader said.

A pineapple seller waits for customers in KR Market, in Bengaluru | ALLEN EGENUSE J

EXPRESS READ

TU to confer honorary doctorates on Hampana, Surana and Naganna

Tumakuru: The Tumkur University (TU) will confer honorary doctorate on Nadoja Hampa Nagarajaiah, Bengaluru's young entrepreneur Dilip G Surana, CMD of Micro labs and veteran journalist S Naganna in its 18th annual convocation to be held on July 8. Governor Thaawar Chand Gehlot, Chancellor of Tumkur University, will preside. The chairman of AICTE, New Delhi, professor T G Sitharam will deliver the convocation address. Altogether 11,349 candidates will be receiving the degrees. ENS

K'taka to start waterfall, religious, wildlife tours

BOSKY KHANNA @BENGALURU

To bring all the waterfalls in Karnataka, the tourism department is starting curated tours to waterfalls, involving government & private stakeholders.

The department is starting waterfall, religious and wildlife tours involving the endowment, irrigation, revenue and forest departments, with private organisations from the hospitality sector and adventure groups. Identification of locations has been going on in Dakshina Kannada, Kodagu, Shivamogga, Gokak, Belagavi, Hassan, Chikkamagaluru, Uttara Kannada and parts of Western Ghats.

The department has shortlisted empanelled partners for the tours. "Tourists will have the option of picking and making their own itinerary, but a minimum of two or three locations will be required. The trend nowadays is women only groups, college students or corporate groups, so special age and gender-specific packages are also being drawn up," a senior official confirmed.

So far, one or two-day trips using KSRTC buses to Gaganachukki-Barachukki or Jog Falls or other such places were held. These will be expanded to a week or weekend curated tours. Tourism officials acknowledged that there are many private groups and individuals who conduct adventure tourism packages. They use social media platforms to invite tourists. Staffers are tapping all networks to list lesser-known places.

On the delay in starting tours as it is July, Tourism Director KV Rajendra told *TNIE*, "We want to start in another fortnight. This is the right time because monsoon has stabilised, there are no more landslides, and waterfalls offer scenic views. Travel and accommodation arrangements involving government and private agencies are being sorted out."

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Short e-Tender notice

TENDER No. PPD/DGM/Maint./T-06/2025, dated 05.07.2025

E-tender under single stage, two covers (techno-commercial bid) are invited by Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority from experienced contractors fulfilling the **"Minimum Qualifying Criteria"** and complying with the tender requirements for the work of **"Maintenance of various buildings in JN Port"**. The tender will be available online from 07.07.2025 to 29.07.2025.

The estimated cost of the work is **Rs. 11,89,42,000.00**. The detailed Notice Inviting Tender including tender document is available on the JNPA website "www.jnport.gov.in or https://eprocure.gov.in."

CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER
Port Planning & Development Department

MAHATRANSCO Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.

INVITATION FOR BID (IFB)

SRM Tender No. – Spec. No.: MSETCL/CE/TBCB/2025-26/03 (RFx no. 6000001380) MSETCL invites eligible bidders to submit offers under a TWO BID SYSTEM (Techno Commercial Bid and Price Bid) for the following turnkey project: **Pre-Bid Tie up for "Establishment of 400/220/132kV Umred Substation (AIS)" through tariff based competitive bidding (TBCB) route prior to RFP bid submission by MSETCL to BPC**

- IFB document is available under the "Tenders & Notices" section at **www.mahatransco.in**.
- This tender is **restricted and SRM-based**. (NDA is mandatory)
- Interested bidders must **strictly adhere** to all instructions specified in the IFB.

The bid documents have been available for download on the website since **July 4, 2025**.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer (TBCB), MSETCL

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THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT DIVISION, VIJAYAPUR.

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-Procurement)

The- **Executive Engineer, Public Works Dept. Division, Vijayapur** Invites tenders from eligible tenderers (registered in Public Works Department) Total 3 works, As per standard bid documents KW-1,3 with 8443 Deposit contribution and 5054-MDR Improvements head of account costing of amount for Rs. 100.00 Lakhs, the Maximum and minimum EMD amount of Rs.2,00,000.00 and 17,500 for the works. For above work G.S.T amount will be paid to the Contractor separately and Increase in G.S.T shall not be paid in the extended period of Contract for which the contractor alone is responsible for delay as determined by the authority while granting the extension of time. The calendar events of tenders, dates are fixed as follows (1) Pre-Bid Meeting for Contractors Date- 07-07-2025 upto 11.00 AM (2) Last Date for Receipt of Tenders Date-22-07-2025 upto 4.30 PM. (3) Opening of Technical Bid Date-23-07-2025 at 4:31 PM. (4) Opening of Financial Bid Date-24-07-2025 at 4.30 PM. Clause-3 Conditions of Standard Bid Document may be seen in Departmental Website i.e "https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in" and for more information may contact help desk Bangalore (Phone No. +91 80 46010000, +91 80 68948777) or office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Vijayapur

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INVITATION FOR BID (IFB)

SRM Tender No. – Spec. No.: MSETCL/CE/TBCB/2025-26/04 (RFx no. 6000001371) MSETCL invites eligible bidders to submit offers under a TWO BID SYSTEM (Techno Commercial Bid and Price Bid) for the following turnkey project: **Pre-Bid Tie up for "Establishment of 400/220/132kV Washi Substation (AIS)" through tariff based competitive bidding (TBCB) route prior to RFP bid submission by MSETCL to BPC**

- IFB document is available under the "Tenders & Notices" section at **www.mahatransco.in**.
- This tender is **restricted and SRM-based**. (NDA is mandatory)
- Interested bidders must **strictly adhere** to all instructions specified in the IFB.

The bid documents have been available for download on the website since **July 4, 2025**.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer (TBCB), MSETCL

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No. BMCRI/BLD/88/2024-25 Date: 04.07.2025

e-Tender Notification

The tender has been invited as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 for **Annual Maintenance of RO Water Purification System for Bangalore Medical College & Research Institute and Attached Hospital & Hostels, Bangalore.**

The tender documents may be downloaded from KPP portal Website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 08.07.2025** and last date for submission of tenders through KPP portal website is **22.07.2025 upto 5.00 pm.** Those tenders which are not submitted with E.M.D. will be rejected.

For further details contact Director cum Dean, Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute, Bangalore.

Sd/- Director cum Dean BMCRI, Bangalore.

DIPR/CP/YC/1640/2025-26

Karnataka Solar Power Development Corporation Limited
(CIN: U40107KA2015PLCO79223)
No. 6/13/1, KREDL Building, 5th Floor, 10th Block, Nagarabhavi, 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560 072.

No.: KSPDCL/F-238/2025-26 Date: 07.07.2025

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Karnataka Solar Power Development Corporation Limited hereby invites bids for providing manpower services to KSPDCL through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal, Government of Karnataka. Bid documents will be available in the KPP Portal **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) on or after 08.07.2025.**

Note: KSPDCL reserves the right to annul the bidding process and invite fresh bids without liability or obligation for such invitation and without assigning any reasons.

Sd/- Chief Executive Officer, KSPDCL

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521

No: SEE/P/AEE(Civil)/25-26/CYS-06 Dated: 03.07.2025

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

(THROUGH KARNATAKA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites bid against **No. SEE/AEE(C)/Projects/2025-26/CYS-06 Dated 03.07.2025** for the works coming in the Transmission (Projects) Circle, KPTCL, Davanagere.

The detailed notification regarding the works called through E-Procurement mode can be obtained from the E-Procurement Portal **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after 07.07.2025 at 11.00 Hrs onwards.**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer Electy., Transmission (Projects) Circle, KPTCL, Opp. to District Stadium, Hadadi Road, Davanagere

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No:BCU/EST/G.F.R/2025-26/83 Date: 07.07.2025

PRESS NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited from the eligible candidates for the guest faculty for the following UG and PG programmes in the University Departments, Jnanajyothi Central College Campus and University College for Women, Malleswaram for the academic year 2025-26.

Interested candidates are advised to visit the University website: **www.bcu.ac.in**(link:**bcugfportal.in**) for more information. The online application portal will be available from 07.07.2025 @ 10.00 AM to 28.07.2025 upto 5.00 PM. The processing fees of Rs.200/- (for SC/ST/CAT-1 Rs.100/-) should be paid to the following bank account.

Bank Name: Bank of Baroda, Account No: 05190100016143 IFSC Code: BARB0BANGAL (5th letter is Zero)

The candidates shall submit one filled application forms (hard copy) to the Office of the Registrar, Bengaluru City University, Jnanajyothi Central College Campus, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560 001 on or before 5:00 PM on 31.07.2025.

Candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC from the State of Karnataka only are eligible to apply. Valid caste certificate should be submitted from the competent authority of the State of Karnataka if the candidate belongs to Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe/Other backward class.

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Sd/- Registrar

DIPR/CP/1660/CCL/2025-26

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EDITORIAL

Constitutional morality is not a natural sentiment. It has to be cultivated

BR Ambedkar

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— Ramnath Goenka

GUIDING PRINCIPLE IS TO DEFEND, NOT DENY THE RIGHT TO VOTE

THE Election Commission's special intensive revision (SIR) of Bihar's electoral rolls has raised eyebrows. The Opposition doubts whether the massive exercise can finish within the short period. They ask why wait till so close to the Assembly elections to launch it. They wonder why impose on the electorate the additional burden of proving their Indian citizenship, requiring documentary proof not within easy reach of many electors or unavailable at all. They argue the ECI should have raised much earlier its concerns about non-citizens figuring on Bihar's voter list. The core question is whether the SIR, initiated under such contestable circumstances, could disenfranchise many eligible electors.

The worry is about electors at the bottom of the socio-economic pyramid, which comprises unorganised and migrant labour and the oppressed classes. Now is the time in Bihar, when the Kharif sowing and transplantation signal migration of labour looking for construction work outside the state. The SIR coincides with the monsoon when deprived sections are busy with the annual tedium of locating temporary homes to escape flooding. They possess Aadhaar and ration cards, but either they may not be available at their homes when the Commission's enumerators arrive, or they may not have the documents the Commission demands as proof of citizenship. The illiterate and poor majority cannot quickly acquire domicile or caste certificates and submit the filled forms before the deadline. In case of delayed submissions, SIR rules say "the name of the elector cannot be included in the draft rolls". The ECI subsequently said electors must submit enrolment forms in time and their accompanying documents can come in at scrutiny time also; that only defers the suspense.

Are alternative mechanisms, such as witness testimony or affidavits, in place if a citizen can't provide documents or meet the deadline? In an abrupt, short exercise foisted on them, rigid systems and procedural obstacles cannot arbitrarily deny the right to vote. The State must play a facilitative role to enable the right. The default presumption must be of inclusion. In the long term, we must debate making the right to vote a fundamental right so that electors can seek direct judicial redressal, and disenfranchisement necessarily passes the test of reasonableness and proportionality, ensuring that it is never arbitrary or excessive. Democracy celebrates elections, more so, their participatory nature.

DYING YAMUNA SYMBOLISES INDIA'S APATHY TO RIVERS

BEFORE you can see the Yamuna or hear its roar, you smell its nauseating stench from afar. When you finally glimpse it, the waterway appears to be a foaming sewer. Originating from the pristine Western Himalayas, by the time the Yamuna crosses Delhi, its water is filled with raw sewage, untreated industrial effluents, and solid garbage. Declaring the river "almost dead" in 2015, the Central Pollution Control Board had estimated that the 22-km Delhi stretch, which is a fiftieth of the river's length, accounts for over three-fourths of its pollution. The situation is worse today.

An investigation by this newspaper showed that more than two-fifths of Delhi's daily sewage of over 3,000 million litres, is disgorged untreated into the Yamuna. By the government's own admission, it pushes the river's bacterial concentration up to a toxic 2,85,000 MPN (most probable number, a measure of the dispersion of microorganisms); the safe limit for bathing is 500 MPN.

The pollution has killed most of the fish. Desperate fishermen, mostly migrants, still cast their nets for whatever little they can catch. The vegetables grown on its floodplains and sold in local markets are laced with phosphates and surfactants that cause the foaming. Meanwhile, the deadline for the Yamuna cleaning mission, for which ₹8,500 crore has already been allocated, has been pushed back from 2023 to 2025, and then to 2026. The Delhi Jal Board has received at least ₹1,200 crore of public funds as of 2023; however, our reportage indicates that most of the 37 sewage treatment plants are still outdated or underperforming.

India became one of the earliest cradles of civilisation because of its magnificent rivers—whether it's the Sindhu-Saraswati basin in the west, the Vaigai and Cauvery in the south, or the Ganga-Yamuna belt across the north. Yet, the sad truth is that we are choking them with administrative apathy, which matches our polluting public culture. The cleanup of the once-putrid Thames in England and Kamo in Kyoto happened after decades-long public campaigns. The much longer Indian rivers need responsible riparian development alongside continuous conservation. To understand the shameful gap between tall promises flowing from the thousands of crores spent in the name of cleaning them and the reality, one need not look farther than the one flowing by the national capital.

QUICK TAKE

LANGUAGE OF LEARNING

JAPANESE today grapple with whether to learn English the traditional way or let AI-powered tools guide them. Their business community realises that English is crucial to enhance their global communication. However, the tech geeks among them question why learn English at all in the age of AI. Ironically, the Japanese have spent centuries enriching their language through concepts such as keigo, keisho, and teineigo. They should be aware that AI fails to capture the nuances of language and the subtleties of interpersonal communication. That should make us wonder why we cannot learn languages of our choice while benefitting from AI-assisted apps like Bhashini that enable seamless communication across Indian languages.

Chemmani is Sri Lanka's collective shame and evidence of systemic failure to deal with extra-judicial killings and deliver truth, justice and accountability

BURIED TALES OF PAST VIOLENCE FROM CHEMMANI

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A quaint village in northern Jaffna is currently throwing up evidence of Sri Lanka's gross human rights abuses and poor criminal justice system, buried in the sands of time, holding within its tombs inconvenient truths the island has long preferred to keep buried.

The world watches Sri Lanka with keen eyes as evidence of a mass grave re-emerges from Chemmani, in the Tamil heartland of Jaffna. It has refused to stay buried, a quarter century later. Chemmani is among the known mass graves, and a 26-year-long war is most likely to have birthed other sites, still unknown and unidentified. Bearing war's painful legacy, these mass graves quietly hold the evidence of people killed and buried during years of conflict, a stark reminder of an island's gruesome past, human rights violations and the absence of justice and accountability.

In February 2025, construction workers unearthed human remains while clearing a land adjacent to the Chemmani-Sindupathi Hindu burial ground. Following a police referral, the Jaffna Magistrate Court initiated a preliminary investigation on February 20 and ordered exhumation and excavation of the remains. On June 2, an expert team led by Prof Raj Somadeva, a top forensic archaeologist, unearthed 19 skeletal remains. As of July 5, ongoing excavations have recovered 45 skeletons, including those of children, all temporarily stored at the University of Jaffna.

Like most mass graves, until 1998, Chemmani was unknown to the world and was shrouded in mystery. It was first mentioned by Lance Corporal Somaratne Rajapakse, one of those accused for the rape and murder of an 18-year-old Tamil school girl, Krishanthi Kumaraswamy. The court served the death sentence on Rajapakse and five other soldiers directly involved in the case as well as the killing of three others. Testifying before the court, Rajapakse said hundreds of people who disappeared from the Jaffna peninsula after the military seized control during 1995-1996 were killed and buried in mass graves near Chemmani. Excavations in 1999 found 15 bodies, including two identified as men who had disappeared in 1996.Present-day excavations continue to unearth skeletal remains and reopen old wounds, renewing calls for international oversight into Sri Lanka's existing mass graves.

Visiting UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk toured Chemmani on June 25. In his end-of-mission statement, Türk said: "Sri Lanka has struggled to move forward with domestic accountability mechanisms that are credible and have the trust and confidence of victims. That is why Sri Lankans have looked outside for justice, through assistance at the international level. It is the State's responsibility, and it is important that this process is nationally owned–and it can be complemented and supported by international means." Yes, Chemmani is Sri Lanka's collective shame and evidence of systemic failure to deal with extra-judicial killings and deliver truth, justice and accountability. Beyond Chemmani lies more shame, for Sri Lanka has witnessed waves of disappearances with mass graves silently screaming for justice and accountability.

SOURAV ROY

Closer to Chemmani lies the Alfred Duraiappa Stadium mass grave, discovered during renovations in 1999. Others include the Kokkuthoduvai and Mulllaitivu mass graves in the North. The Mannar grave was uncovered in 2013. Several graveyards were subsequently discovered in the area, and 346 skeletons have been unearthed so far. There has been controversy surrounding carbon dating, but forensic archaeologists conclude that the discrepancies fall within 30 years and are linked to wartime events.

There are other sites on the island. Discovered in 1994, the Sooriyakanda mass burial ground reportedly contains bodies of around 300 school children from the Embilipitiya High School in Ratnapura, killed in counterinsurgency measures during the 1988-1990 uprising of the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP), the main constituent of the current government. Following a UN request, the government excavated the area in September 1994 under court supervision and discovered an unspecified number of skeletons. Linked to those measures is the mass grave in Matale, in central Sri Lanka. Experts have concluded that it was not a typical burial site and confirmed that the remains dated back to the specified period.

There is reason to believe that more unidentified sites exist. However, for successive governments, it has been a case of deep reluctance to deal with their accountability failures. Public agitations and human rights lobbying have intensified, drawing international attention to Sri Lanka's human rights cover-ups.

In 2006, Alston Philip, UN Special Rapporteur on Civil and Political Rights, Disappearances and Summary Executions, called for a sustained follow-up on killings and identifying parties and persons responsible. In 2017, during the third cycle of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) in the post-war period, the UNHRC recommended a special investigations mechanism, victim and witness protection, and the gathering of fresh evidence.

In 2021, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights highlighted political obstruction of accountability for crimes and human rights violations. "Numerous commissions of inquiry appointed by successive governments failed to credibly establish the truth and ensure accountability." Its 2024 report, "Accountability for Enforced Disappearances in Sri Lanka", highlighted presidential commissions of inquiry establishing the involvement of the State's security and paramilitary groups with "elected officials living in denial about the scale and responsibility for such violations".

They highlighted a failed criminal justice system and a legacy of failed commissions, emboldening the call for international mechanisms.

The Presidential Commission of Inquiry appointed to Investigate and Inquire into Alleged Serious Violations of Human Rights arising since August 1, 2005 (Udalagama Commission) was established in 2006. The 2010 Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission (LLRC) released its report in 2011, and the Presidential Commission of Inquiry into Complaints of Abductions and Disappearances (Paranagama Commission) was set up in 2013. In 2021, a new three-member Commission of Inquiry examined the findings of previous domestic inquiries. Recommendations sent to President Ranil Wickremesinghe in 2023 remain undisclosed.Much hope rides on the Anura Dissanayake presidency to deliver justice and accountability. Tamils overwhelmingly contributed to the NPP's November landslide, trusting the government to introduce confidence-building measures.

It is not about responding to international pressure. Truth, justice, and non-recurrence are Sri Lanka's domestic and international human rights obligations towards its people. It should form a part of the NPP's promised new political culture.

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CAUGHT IN THE LAROUSSE TRAP

RENUKA NARAYANAN

FAITHLINE

AMERICA upsets people for various reasons today, though it's hard to resist the music, movies and much else. However, you can't help but approve of the American work ethic that made peanut farmers into Presidents (Jimmy Carter) and dirt-poor secretaries into glamorous magazine editors who defined a new way to be for working girls (Helen Gurley Brown). That's just two historical examples.

Moreover, if you examine their upper class, the WASPs (White Anglo-Saxon Protestants), those 'Boston Brahmin' values were pretty sound, really. You had to study, you had to have accomplishments (in music, ballet, or foreign languages), and you had to be outdoorsy for body-mind balance. Besides wealth creation, you had to work on something that added to the sum of human knowledge; you had to support museums, universities, and good causes, grow gardens, and practise serious philanthropy. Most appealing, you had to practise thrift: use money for acquiring graces, not for showing off.

An Austrian Jew who embodied these values was Justice Felix Frankfurter, a star of Harvard Law School, an advisor to President Franklin D Roosevelt, and a Supreme Court judge. I love his 'Advice to a Young Man Interested in Going to Law'; it's a life-bestowing mantra:

"No one can be a truly competent lawyer unless he is a cultivated man. If I were you, I would forget all about my technical preparation for law. The best way to prepare for the law is to come to the study of law as a well-read person. Thus alone can one acquire the capacity to use the English language on paper and in speech and with the habit of clear thinking, which only a truly liberal education can give. No less important for a lawyer is the cultivation of the imaginative faculties by reading poetry, seeing great paintings, in the original or in easily available reproductions, and listening to great music. Stock your mind with the deposit of much good reading and widen and deepen your feelings by experiencing vicariously as much as possible the wonderful mysteries of the universe and forget all about your career."

On the flip side, the American ignorance of the world can be startling, at least about Indians. Loads of Indians are asked by foreigners, "How come you speak such good English?" The first American to ask me this was a lady I enjoyed reading in my teens and twenties: Helen Gurley Brown, the founding editor of *Cosmopolitan*. Way back in New York, I asked to meet her and she agreed. So, I went careening into the West 57th Street *Cosmo* office, staggering under the biggest bunch of flowers I could afford, because Mrs Brown had been such fun to read and imparted several insights into the workings of the modern world. She was really sweet and commended me as a hardworking journalist. She gave me a *Cosmo* bag and a Lucky the Cat tee, but when I got up to leave, she suddenly asked, "Where did you learn to speak such good English?"

PEXELS

> Justice Felix Frankfurter's advice to the young has always stayed with me: "Stock your mind with the deposit of much good reading and widen and deepen your feelings by experiencing vicariously as much as possible the wonderful mysteries of the universe." Practising this, perhaps, can help us break out of our silo mindset

"Well, Mrs Brown, it's been around in India for a few centuries," I managed to say, squashing a desperate need to giggle while I'm ashamed to say, the script in my head ran, "An Ozark Mountain hillbilly is asking me this?", which was her background. I was a 'nothingburger', to use her catchphrase, and she was an international celebrity, but I found it hilarious.

I almost smacked the face of a curator at the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art who was showing me around the Magritte exhibition when he sprang that very question at me. Instead, I lifted an eyebrow and murmured, "Quaint", which clearly stung, because he insisted on buying me lunch.

I think this 'Speakee English?' syndrome belongs, ironically, with what American writer Saul Bellow apparently said about the French: that they have a 'Larousse mentality'. Meaning the famous French *Larousse Encyclopaedia* has already defined everybody and everything, and the French couldn't handle anything outside the stereotype imprinted in their minds. For instance, I was often told in France, "*Mademoiselle, j'adore la femme typique*!" (I love the typical woman, meaning an Indian in a sari). Amusingly incomplete about multicultural 'me', whoever that 'me' was.

But not so funny when you consider how very Larousse we ourselves are, especially in matters of faith. Many Indians are guilty of this, and it's dismaying how not keeping an open mind to go beyond stereotypes is so widespread.

A story that can't be bettered for its sting is about Utanga, the old mendicant in the *Mahabharata*. Wandering around the Gangetic plain, he suddenly encounters Sri Krishna going home from Kurukshetra. Krishna wants to do a favour for his old devotee. "Well then, please grant that I may always find a drink of water," asks Utanga. "So be it", says Krishna.

Later, the Lord wants to give the faithful Utanga a drink of *amrita*, the nectar of immortality. But when he asks Indra, king of the celestials, to handle this, Indra wants to test Utanga's worthiness first. He finds Utanga in a barren place, desperate for water. Indra changes himself to look like an 'outcaste' Chandala and offers his drinking gourd to Utanga. But the old man refuses to accept, little realising that the gourd contains *amrita*. After much earnest persuasion, Indra shrugs and vanishes. Krishna is very disappointed that Utanga should prove so unworthy. But there it is. His mind was proto-Larousse and closed to reality. The reality being that things are not always as they seem. We have to think a bit before we shoot off our mouths.

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Bihar rollover

Ref: *Voters to startups: The ordeals of identity in India* (Jul 6). The deliberate roll revision in Bihar by the Election Commission violates the people's voting rights. The timing of the move just before assembly elections is also questionable. We count on the Judiciary to resolve the issue.
A Subhan Salimi, Begusarai

President's legacy

Ref: *Nationalist President on the move* (Jul 6). Kudos to the author for this distinct profile. The President is an epitome of simplicity, honesty and philosophy—the main traits of tribal culture and heritage. She'll be celebrated for her state visits which are meant to paint a republic that sees, hears, and includes.
Katragadda Sarveswara Rao, Bhubaneswar

Lama's autonomy

Ref: *Succession stakes on roof of the world* (Jul 6). China's insistence on dictating matters of the spiritual leader's succession only reflects its domineering attitude and scant respect for Tibetan Buddhist practices. India must hold its position signalling a robust defence of religious autonomy amidst geopolitical challenges.
R Sivakumar, Chennai

IVF initiative

Ref: *Amid falling fertility, TN has just 1 govt IVF facility* (Jul 6). All tall claims of the Tamil Nadu government's achievements in maternal healthcare have gone down the drain. The government should start with setting-up IVF departments in all the district health centres in the initial phases.
S Vaithianathan, Madurai

Equitable funding

Ref: *No life-saving organ transplants for marginalised populations: Lancet* (Jul 6). The lack of consideration in organ transplantation for marginalised populations unveils the reality of healthcare in India. Funding for public institutions to make them accessible for everyone remains the top priority.
Fazalu Rahman, Alappuzha

Mamdani uprising

Ref: *Manhattan masala* (Jul 6). Zohran Mamdani's victory is not just an elite rebellion by priced-out Brooklynites; it is a political uprising of the middle-class grounded in rent stability, public childcare and food security. For us in India, it echoes familiar struggles—from unaffordable cities and squeezed middle-classes, to a youth estranged by inflation.
Sagartirtha Chakraborty, Guwahati

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Jagat Prakash Nadda @JPNadda
The Centre for One Health, under National Centre for Disease Control... acknowledges the interconnection between humans, animals, plants and environment

Jairam Ramesh @Jairam_Ramesh
The Centre is manipulating data to claim Indian society is one of the most equitable in the world. This claim is not only shocking but also disconnected from reality

Sharad Pawar @PawarSpeaks
May the sacred day of Muharram, which elucidates the importance of sacrifice, selflessness, and the fight for justice, continue to inspire everyone to... work for welfare of all

17 warships, 9 submarines await approval

₹240K crore projects in the pipeline to bolster Navy's capability, next-generation frigates to be built indigenously

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

APPROXIMATELY 17 warships and nine submarines of the Indian Navy are currently undergoing various stages of approval, according to sources on Sunday. This is in addition to the existing fleet of 61 warships and submarines, which are at various stages of construction. The newly approved vessels are slated for domestic construction.

According to the sources, "Request for Proposal of the ₹70,000 cr project 17 B, for construction of seven Next Generation Frigates, along with the project to construct two Multi Purpose Vessels" is likely to be out soon.

"Project 75-India (I) and Project 75 (add-ons) are under advanced stages of the Cost Negotiation being done by the Committee (Cost Negotiation Committee-CNC)," added the source.

Project 75-I is for the construction of six modern submarines, with an estimated cost of ₹70,000 crore. Project 75 (add-ons) is for the construction of three Scorpene-class submarines, costing approximately ₹36,000 crore.

Another project, with a construction cost of approximately ₹36,000 crore, belonging to the eight Next Generation Corvettes (NGC), is in the pipeline. These will result in a cumulative cost of over ₹240,000 crore once approved.

The Indian Navy's planning is based on capability and capacity building, rather than threat perception, which may change over time, according to Commodore Anil Jai Singh (Retd), a defence analyst.

"The addition of warships and submarines is for the replacement of the old platforms with those equipped with modern and improved technologies. These additions are also to cater for renewals," Commodore Singh added.

The addition of new capital ships and boats is significant, as the Chinese PLA Navy, with 355 warships and submarines, has become the largest navy in the world, with an increased presence in maritime bodies around the globe, including the Indian Ocean. India Navy's total fleet strength is over 130.

Additionally, there are concerns that Indian Navy platforms are reaching obsolescence; therefore, the new additions, as noted by Commodore Singh, should not only replace the older ones but also increase the overall numbers.

The submarine's underwater fighting capabilities, even after the addition of six indigenously manufactured Scorpene-class submarines, are plagued by obsolete boats (submarines). Although new boats have been added and new projects are in the pipeline, the Indian Navy's submarine arm has been plagued by obsolescence and is currently operating 12 vintage submarines.

Another glaring absence among the projects under construction and those in the pipeline is the destroyers, emphasised Singh.

The Indian Navy commissioned the Delhi Class destroyers in 1997 and they in the age group of 25 years and with major overhaul and repairs these can be kept operational for another 10-15 years but, "Unless the Project for their replacements are planned today, having a gestation period of more than 7-8 years we may see decline in their numbers in future thus bringing the gaps."

The destroyers are versatile ships capable of carrying out offensive and defensive operations on the surface, sub-surface, and in the air. The Indian Navy aims to have a 175-ship fleet by 2035.

NAVAL MIGHT

61 Indian Navy Ships and Submarines approved for indigenous construction under Make-in-India

- **7** Ships- Project 17 A- 1 Commissioned- 6 remaining **₹48,000 cr**
- **2** Survey Vessels Large (4 vessel) **₹2,500 cr**
- **15** Anti Submarine Warfare-Shallow Water Craft (16 asw swc **₹19,000 cr**)
- **2** Triput Class Frigates (GSL **₹13,000 crore**)
- **2** Multi Purpose Vessel (Samarthak and Utkarsh **₹887 cr**)
- **11** Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (**₹9781 cr**)
- **6** Next Generation Missile Vessel (**₹9805 cr**)
- **2** Diving Support Vessel (DSV) (Nistar and Nipun **₹2,400 cr**)

INSIDER TRACK

Cabinet rejig talks spark speculation

The fear of losing ministerial positions is increasingly palpable, with rumours in the corridors of power that several ministers may be dropped in an imminent Union Cabinet reshuffle. The growing speculation is the reshuffle will take place by the end of August. It may induct many fresh faces, while dropping those with dissatisfactory performance over their two consecutive terms in office. "They may be reassigned to organisational duties, given their experience," a senior functionary remarked. He said their roles may be redefined at the national and state levels within the organisation or special party roles could be assigned to them. In the anticipated reshuffle, ministries currently under dual charge, such as Minority Affairs, Electronics and Information Technology, Social Justice and Development of the Northeast are expected to have full-time cabinet ministers. There is also strong speculation that the Ministry of Finance may undergo a change in leadership, with a new minister appointed. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) may see a shift at the Minister of State level. "There is a strong possibility of change in the MEA, if not at the Cabinet level, then certainly at the MoS level," remarked a senior government source. "The performance of every minister is under scrutiny, as the Prime Minister does not tolerate even slight laxity or subpar performance", remarked an official.

Maha language row worries Bihar BJP

The BJP, preparing for the Bihar Assembly polls, is worried following reports of non-Marathi-speaking individuals being attacked in Maharashtra. A senior BJP leader from North India, remarked bitterly, "The hooliganism being perpetrated against non-Marathi-speakers in Mumbai could have serious repercussions for the BJP in Bihar polls, as majority of those being targeted come from either Bihar or UP". The ongoing conflict over language in Maharashtra is reverberating across rural Bihar. Many people from the state, who move to Mumbai to make a living, are scared and demoralised. The BJP is anxious that the opposition could exploit these isolated incidents to undermine the NDA in the upcoming elections. The BJP central leadership "must take this matter seriously," said a party leader from Bihar. Sources in Delhi revealed the Maharashtra government has been asked to urgently tackle the 'hooliganism'. "Party workers in Maharashtra also have a responsibility to act against those who target non-Marathi speakers, as this could also raise questions about the BJP government's policy on linguistic freedom," said a source.

Senior-most IPS twice denied DGP post

The BJP-led Centre appears to have collaborated with CPI(M)-led Kerala government to deny the top police post to Nitin Agarwal, the senior-most IPS officer of the 1989 batch from the state cadre, and instead appointed 1991-batch IPS, R A Chandra Sekhar. Government sources said the collaboration ended up in the Modi government facilitating Chandra Sekhar's return to his cadre state Kerala, in the process shifting him from his Intelligence Bureau assignment to the Cabinet Secretariat as Secretary (Security). The shift made him eligible to become Kerala's top cop and in two weeks, he was named DGP. Rules disallow IB officers to be selected as DGPs. This is not the first time Agarwal was superseded. The outgoing DGP, Shaik Darvesh Saheb, a 1990-batch IPS officer, is a year junior to him.

NHAI counsel lands agency in pickle

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is in the middle of a PR nightmare after its lawyer stirred a controversy with an unthinking remark. When the Indore bench of the MP High Court was hearing a PIL about the 40-hour traffic jam of over 4,000 vehicles on the Indore-Dewas bypass on June 27 that cost three lives, the NHAI counsel questioned why people had left their homes "so early without any work". Considered to be indirectly blaming the public for the conjestion, the backlash was swift, forcing the NHAI into damage-control mode. The lawyer received a show-cause notice right away. Not taking any chances, the authority decided to yank of all cases marked to the advocate and remove her from its panel. Sources said the counsel exceeded her brief and made unauthorised comments, which might be her "personal opinion".

Centre looks for IRDAI chairperson

The Centre is considering filling the post of Chairperson of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI), vacant since March 2025. Names of M Nagaraju (currently with the Department of Financial Services), Ajay Seth (Finance Secretary), and Gridhar Aramane, among others, are circulating as potential candidates. Nagaraju is said to be the frontrunner, given his vast administrative experience, knowledge of relevant responsibilities, and his reputation as a strict taskmaster. The appointment is likely to come this July.

Use Central intel system database to curb crimes: MHA to police forces

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

THE National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID), which shares real-time data on intelligence inputs and status of different probes with law-enforcement agencies across the country, in a communication through the Ministry of Home Affairs has asked all state police forces to enhance their engagements with the online system and proactively use the database for crime control and reigning in criminals, officials said on Sunday.

The NATGRID shares data with 11 central agencies and all state police forces in real-time on terror activities, organised criminal gangs, financial transactions, immigration, circulation of counterfeit currency and narcotics and other inputs.

The officials said in a letter to the Director General of Police (DGP) of all states, Piyush Goyal, NATGRID Chief Executive Officer, has requested them to instruct their respective forces to effectively utilise the NATGRID solution.

The letter specifically emphasised on encouraging the district superintendents of police (SPs) for a wider use of the NATGRID database in their crime-control and law-enforcement initiatives, they added.

"This may please be reviewed in your meetings periodically. NATGRID is continuing to augment more features/functionalities in the solution and conducting regular training/feedback sessions," Goyal said.

The letter said with collaborative efforts, many new users have started using the system proactively and there has been a significant increase in the usage of NATGRID solution.

"I would like to highlight and commend the consistent usage of NATGRID solution by Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Assam, which are the top performers for the period Jan-Jun 2025," the letter read.

Goyal also appreciated the efforts made by Tamil Nadu, which enhanced "the number of active users, who have fired at least one query in a month".

NATGRID, which conceptualised after the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks, disseminates information to agencies like the IB, R&AW, CBI, Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), Enforcement Directorate and others. It has a database of more than 20 categories like railways, banks, airlines, credit-card companies and immigration.

Nations backing terror must pay price: Modi at BRICS

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

'Blow to the soul of India'

Calling the April 22 terrorist attack in Pahalgam a direct assault on India's identity, the PM said the killing of 26 innocent people was "a blow to the soul of India and to humanity itself." He thanked friendly countries that stood with India during the tragedy but cautioned that moral clarity on terrorism must be non-negotiable. "We cannot weigh the victims of terrorism and its supporters on the same scale," the prime minister said.

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi, in an address at the BRICS Summit, called out countries that support terrorism—directly or indirectly—saying they "must pay the price." He urged BRICS to take a clear and united stand against terrorism, warning that "there is no room for double standards."

"For global peace and prosperity, BRICS nations must adopt a clear and unified stance on overcoming terrorism," Modi said. "On a subject like terrorism, there is no room for double standards! If any country provides direct or indirect support to terrorism, it must pay the price for it."

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"We cannot weigh the victims of terrorism and its supporters on the same scale," he said. "Condemning terrorism must be a principle—not a convenience."

"There must be no hesitation in imposing sanctions on terrorists. The victims and supporters of terrorism cannot be treated equally. For the sake of personal or political gain, giving silent consent to terrorism or supporting terrorists or terrorism, should never be acceptable under any circumstances. There should be no difference between our words and actions when it comes to terrorism," Modi said.

The PM said the fight against terrorism cannot be selective or symbolic. "There must be absolutely no hesitation in imposing sanctions against terrorists," he asserted. "If we choose silence or look the other way for political or personal gain, we are betraying humanity."

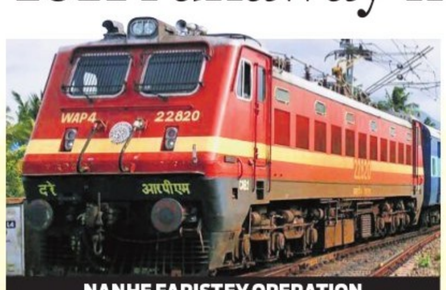
Modi also questioned the global commitment to counterterrorism: "If we are not prepared to act decisively, then the world must ask—are we serious about defeating terrorism at all?"

The PM's remarks and India's positions on terrorism reflected in the BRICS joint declaration which contained the bloc's strongest language t on terrorism and calls for coordinated global action against terror financing, safe havens, and cross-border attacks.

"India, being the land of Mahatma Gandhi and Gautam Buddha believes that no matter how difficult the circumstances are, the path of peace is the best option for the welfare of humanity. And, India will do everything possible in this direction," Modi said.

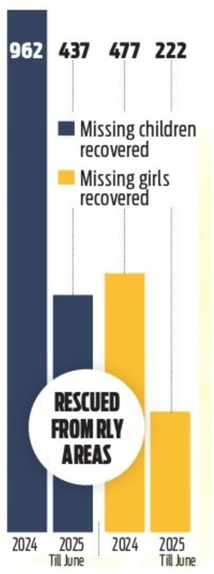
Rlys rescues 16K runaway minors in over 1 year

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi



NANHE FARISTEY OPERATION

YEAR	RUNAWAY BOYS RESCUED	GIRLS RESCUED
2024	7,570	3,344
2025 (Till June)	4,177	1,911
YEAR	Kidnapped boys recovered	Kidnapped girls rescued
2024	65	69
2025(till June)	7	13



THE Railways has rescued more than 16,000 minors, including over 3,000 girls, who had run away from their homes over trivial issues or minor spats with their parents between 2024 and June 2025.

Under Operation 'Nanhe Faristey' in 2024, over 10,000 teenage boys and 3,000 teenage girls were rescued from trains and railway areas. This year, till June, 4,177 boys and 1,911 girls have been brought to safety after they fled their homes over trivial concerns.

A senior railway official told this newspaper that 69 kidnapped children were also rescued in 2024, with 20 more in 2025 till June. During formal interrogation before being handed over to the concerned local administration or their parents, it was found that most of them had run away after being reprimanded by their parents for not taking their studies seriously or for securing poor marks, or for other minor reasons.

"Many of them were lured by people to come to metro cities for decent work," remarked a railway source. In 2024, as many as 7,570 teenage boys and 3,344 girls fled their homes and were rescued by Railway police personnel from railway areas and trains after they were seen loitering or appearing depressed and alone.

Compared to the number of runaway girls and boys rescued by the railways in 2024, the railway authorities rescued 4,177 teenage boys and 1,911 teenage girls in 2025 (up to June) from the railways.

In total, 10,914 teenage boys and girls were rescued in 2024, compared to 6,088 runaway boys and girls rescued by June 2025. In addition, as a railway official noted, 65 teenage boys who were kidnapped from various locations in 2024 were also rescued, compared to just 7 in 2025 (up to June). Similarly, the railway police rescued 69 kidnapped teenage girls in 2024, followed by 13 up to June 2025.

The number of minors left behind during their journeys also drew attention after they were recovered by the railway police in 2024 and up to June 2025. "A total of 844 minor-aged boys who were missing or left behind at stations or on trains were recovered in 2024, compared to 405 in 2025 (up to June). Likewise, under Operation 'Nanhe Faristey', the railways recovered 436 minor girls in 2024, followed by 222 recovered in 2025 (up to June), who had been left behind at stations or on trains mistakenly," remarked a railway official.

Furthermore, the railway also rescued significant numbers of children in need of care and protection. "We rescued 1,399 missing minor boys between 2024 and 2025 (up to June), and 659 minor girls who went missing during the same period," said another source.

Project in works to digitise 50 crore pages of rare manuscripts: Centre

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

THE Culture ministry has kick started a project to preserve and digitise nearly 50 crore pages of rare manuscripts under the Gyan Bharatam Mission. The manuscripts, scattered at different locations in states, are written on diverse materials such as paper, palm leaf, birch bark, and cloth, and span multiple languages, including Sanskrit, Tamil, Telugu, Arabic, Persian, Bengali, and Malayalam.

The exercise will take at least three years to complete. Once digitised, the manuscripts will be made accessible to the public through an online portal.

All the records will be made accessible through a dedicated portal. According to the officials, the number of pages to be processed is estimated as one manuscript contains approximately 100 pages. The ministry has already started the tendering process to finalise an agency to take up the project.

Some rare scripts are fragile and require great care. The manuscripts also contain visual materials such as sketches, paintings, charts, maps, and illustrations. Officials said that exact details, count and nature of visual components would only be known once the file or bundle is opened. The other issue with these aging texts are that some of them have stains and worm-marks and the pages have also become translucent. Bleeding of ink on the reverse of the page is also another concern, they added.

The initiative aims to safeguard India's vast repository of ancient knowledge, literature, and cultural heritage for future generations while ensuring global access to these rare historical treasures.

The digitisation will ensure easy access and longevity of manuscripts available at various locations across India and long-term conservation and preservation of the Indian knowledge system, officials said.

To expand digitisation and improve public access to uphold and celebrate country's rich traditions, the government restructured the National Mission for Manuscripts (NMM) with the nomenclature 'Gyan Bharatam Mission' as a Central Sector Scheme for the period of six years; from 2024-2031 with a total allocation of ₹482.85 crores.

Till April, nearly 3.5 lakh manuscripts, covering over 3.5 crore folios, have been digitized and over 1.35 lakh manuscripts have been uploaded on the web portal. Around 76,000 manuscripts are available for free.

HIGH TENSION

Tensions flared in Jattari, 40 km from Aligarh, on Sunday morning following reports that unidentified persons desecrated the tomb of a revered Sufi saint located at a graveyard in the town's main market area.

1 DRUG

PEDDLER DETAINED IN J&K'S RAJOURI

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	31	25	Mumbai	29	27
Bhopal	28	23	Panaji	29	27
Jaipur	29	26	Patna	34	28
Amritsar	28	26	Lucknow	34	29
Chennai	38	29	Port Blair	30	27
Kolkata	30	27	Imphal	28	23
Srinagar	27	18	Chandigarh	28	27

When I reflect upon my life, I see that I haven't wasted it at all: Dalai Lama

In message on 90th birthday, Rubio says Tibetans should freely choose their religious leaders

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

HEAVY rain could not dampen the spirits of the thousands who gathered in the main courtyard of Tsuglagkhang, the Dalai Lama temple, in Dharamshala to celebrate the 90th birthday of the Tibetal spiritual leader on Sunday.

Speaking at the ceremony, seated in front of a nine-tier cake, Dalai Lama Tenzin Gyatso said that the people did not come for his birthday out of obligation, but with a deep sense of reverence. "So when I reflect upon my life, I see that I have not wasted my life at all. Having been titled the Dalai Lama I have no pride and arrogance. As a follower of the Buddha, a bhikshu, a monk to serve the public, and to serve the teachings of Buddha are my main practices," he said.

Political leaders from India and abroad shared the canopied space, admiring the Dalai Lama and his continuing commitment to global peace and religious harmony. Former US presidents George W Bush, Bill Clinton, and Barack Obama sent their birthday wishes via video messages.

US secretary of state Marco Rubio said in a message, which was read at the event, that the Dalai Lama inspires people with a message of unity, peace and compassion. "The US remains firmly committed to promoting respect for the human rights and fundamental freedoms of Tibetans. We support efforts to preserve Tibetans' distinct linguistic, cultural, and religious heritage, including their ability to freely choose and venerate religious leaders without interference," he said, countering China's assertion of how the next Dalai Lama should be anointed.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi wrote of X, "I join 1.4 billion Indians in extending our warmest wishes to His Holiness the Dalai Lama on his 90th birthday. He has been an enduring symbol of love, compassion, patience and moral discipline. His message has inspired respect and admiration across all faiths. We pray for his continued good health and long life."

Dalai Lama being greeted by Hollywood actor Richard Gere on his birthday; (R) monks at the celebration in Tsuglagkhang | PTI

'Living bridge between ancient wisdom, modern world'

Union ministers Kiren Rijiju and Rajiv Ranjan Singh, Arunachal Pradesh CM Pema Khandu, Sikkim minister Sonam Lama, and Hollywood actor Richard Gere addressed the gathering. Rijiju called the Dalai Lama a "living bridge between ancient wisdom and the modern world."

The birthday celebrations of the 14th Dalai Lama started with a song for him performed by Switzerland-based Tibetan singer Jamyan Choeden and was followed by a dance performance by a group of Mongolian and Albanian artists.

The Dalai Lama said that it is the love of the people that motivates him to continue on the path of serving all sentient beings. "So on my part, I reflect on Shantideva's Bodhisattvacharyavatara, the Bodhisattva way of life, considering all sentient beings as my relatives and friends, and I always think of serving all sentient beings to as best of my ability," he said.

'Reincarnation an internal affair': China sees red over Indian officials' remarks

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

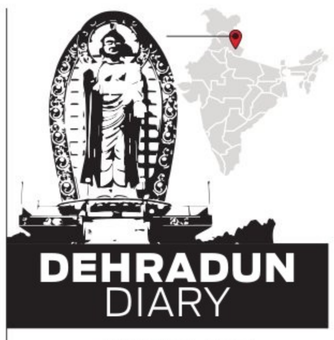
CHINA has strongly objected to recent remarks by "Indian officials" on the Dalai Lama's succession, with its ambassador to India, **Xu Feihong**, asserting on X that the reincarnation of the Tibetan spiritual leader is "entirely an internal affair of China" and warning that "no interference by any external forces will be allowed."

"It has been noted that some Indian officials recently made remarks regarding the reincarnation of the Dalai Lama," Xu said, adding, "The Chinese government firmly opposes any attempts by overseas organisations or individuals to interfere in or dictate the reincarnation process. Xizang [Tibet] is an inalienable part of China's territory. The lineage of the Dalai Lamas evolved entirely within China's Tibet region."

The remarks came after Union Minister Kiren Rijiju said on Thursday that "no one else, besides the Dalai Lama, has the right to decide on his next reincarnation," directly pushing back against China's claims. Beijing has maintained that any reincarnation must be approved by the Chinese government. Later, Rijiju clarified that he had made the comment in his personal capacity as a follower of the Dalai Lama, and not on behalf of the Indian government.

India, meanwhile, has maintained an official distance from the issue. Responding to media questions on Friday, the Ministry of External Affairs said, "The Government of India does not take any position or speak on matters concerning beliefs and practices of faith and religion." The ministry added, "The government has always upheld freedom of religion for all in India and will continue to do so."

The envoy reiterated China's longstanding position that religious titles and succession processes, including those involving the Dalai Lama, are matters governed by Chinese law. "The conferment of religious status and titles is the prerogative of the central government. The reincarnation of Living Buddhas is managed in accordance with Chinese law, and no external interference will be tolerated," he said.



DEHRADUN DIARY

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CM goes on jungle safari for tourism boost

CM Pushkar Singh Dhami recently enjoyed a thrilling jungle safari at Corbett National Park, experiencing the region's rich biodiversity. The CM commented on the state's burgeoning tourism sector, saying "Our continuous efforts are giving new recognition to jungle safari tourism in Uttarakhand, attracting tourists globally and strengthening the tourism-based economy, creating self-employment opportunities." During his visit, over 1,000 trees were planted under the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign. The CM also held discussions with Dr Saket Badola, Director of Corbett Tiger Reserve.

Firefighters ignite the fire of victory at games

Firefighters ignite the fire of victory at World Police and Fire Games Uttarakhand firefighters delivered a stellar performance at the World Police and Fire Games 2025 in Birmingham, USA, securing an impressive 9 medals for India. This marks their first participation, showcasing exceptional courage and discipline on the global stage. Dimple Rawat won 6 medals, emerging as the star performer from among the four-member team, out of which 3 were women. Her haul included two gold, one silver, and one bronze in individual and mixed-team stair run events, alongside two team medals. The CM lauded their dedication.

Student stress linked to potential joblessness?

During a virtual workshop on Saturday, Dr Kanchan Negi, an international educationist, has highlighted the impact of escalating student mental health crisis on careers. As guest of honour, Dr Negi shed light on hidden struggles like performance pressure, digital overload, and fear of failure that college students often mask. She stressed that mental health must be given equal institutional priority. Dr Negi cited Uttarakhand Heritage School of Media And Advanced Studies as an example of a focus-driven, skill-based learning model addressing these challenges, and urged educators to adopt more humane teaching methods.

Shah pitches for tech use and transparency in push for co-op sector reforms

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

IN a push to reform India's cooperative sector, Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah led a major cooperative conference in Gujarat's Anand today, marking the fourth foundation day of the Union Ministry of Cooperation.

Using the symbolic platform of Amul Dairy, India's flagship cooperative success story, Shah unveiled several development projects and set the tone for a nationwide cooperative expansion. He underscored the importance of the "five Ps" — people, PACS, platform, policy, and prosperity — as the guiding pillars of this transformation. Calling for sweeping change, Shah stressed that transparency, tech-driven systems, and prioritising member welfare are non-negotiable for the future of the sector.

While addressing the fourth foundation day celebrations of the Ministry of Cooperation at Amul Dairy, Shah said, "Anand's Cooperative Conference holds special significance as it coincides with the fourth foundation day of the Ministry, 60 years of NDDB, and the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Patel."

He urged cooperative leaders to ensure three critical reforms: embracing full transparency, integrating modern technology, and putting member interests at the core of every decision. "Without technology, there can be no prosperity in the cooperative sector. Transparency, technology and a member-first culture must define cooperatives from Jammu & Kashmir to Kamakhya and in every village across India," Shah emphasised.

He also dwelt on the history of the cooperative movement, noting, "The spirit of cooperation in India dates back to the Vedic era, a tradition of working, living, and sharing together. PM Narendra Modi gave this age-old tradition legal recognition in 2021 by establishing the Ministry of Cooperation. Today, over 31 crore members are part of 8.4 lakh cooperative societies active in sectors like dairy, banking, and digital payments."

WEST BENGAL

Cong, CP(M) dismiss BJP's call for alliance

KAUSHIK PRADHAN @ Kolkata

WEST Bengal BJP President Samik Bhattacharya on Sunday urged the Congress and CPI(M) to set aside political differences and form a "grand alliance" with it ahead of the 2026 Assembly polls to dislodge the ruling Trinamool Congress (TMC) from power in the state.

Addressing an event on Kolkata's Red Road to mark the birth anniversary of Bharatiya Jana Sangh founder Shyama Prasad Mukherjee, Bhattacharya said the fight against "Islamic fundamentalism" called for a collective political effort. To support his appeal, he noted how Jyoti Basu had defied his party while voting on a Bill in 1947 for Bengal's partition.

Senior Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, however, shrugged off the proposal, saying, "Everyone needs to be united against the communal forces of India, those who want to change the country's Constitution and form a Hindu state. All should come together to drive out the BJP."

CPI(M) leader Shatarup Ghosh also dismissed his appeal, saying, "If we are going to save Bengal on the path of Jyoti Basu, we have to save the non-communal Bengal."

CBI takes over Sandeshkhali violence probe after HC order

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

Agency probing 3 cases related to attacks on ED team

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THE CBI has taken over the probe into the killings of three BJP workers during the 2019 post-poll violence in Sandeshkhali, and filed an FIR naming TMC leader **Shahjahan Sheikh** as the prime accused, officials said on Sunday. The development follows the orders of the Calcutta High Court issued on June 30.

As per media reports, Justice Joy Sengupta had ordered the CBI to constitute a special investigation team (SIT) led by a Joint Director-level officer to probe the case with "utmost seriousness".

Pradeep Mondal, Devdas Mondal and Sukanta Mondal were found dead after an alleged attack on their village in Sandeshkhali, allegedly by a mob led by Sheikh. The case was probed by the CID of the West Bengal Police, but the victims' families later approached the Calcutta High Court seeking a CBI probe. Sheikh was arrested on January 5, 2024, in a case of alleged attack on Enforcement Directorate officers during a raid at his Sandeshkhali home. He has been in judicial custody since then.

"In the present case too, which has even more serious charges, I find that the police failed to take action against the prime accused at different stages, leading to gross miscarriage of justice. It would, thus, not be in the interest of justice to again give the reins of investigation to them," Justice Sengupta is reported to have noted while handing over the probe to the CBI.

The judge said it appeared that whenever allegations are levelled against the said accused – Sheikh - the state police "tend to falter, be it in the above-referred case of mob violence against the ED Officials or in the instant case".

Several women in Sandeshkhali in 24 North Parganas had alleged land grabbing and sexual abuse by Sheikh and his men, who are involved in fish farming and trading.

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Muharram procession taken out in Srinagar amid heavy security, curbs

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THOUSANDS of Shia mourners wearing black clothes on Sunday took out an Ashura procession in the city here to mark the martyrdom anniversary of Prophet Muhammad's grandson Imam Hussain on the tenth day of Muharram. The procession was taken out in Srinagar from Bota Kadal in the Lal Bazar area of downtown Srinagar to Zadibal.

Some of the participants were seen thumping chests amid chanting of pro-Islamic slogans. Many of them were also carrying religious flags.

J&K L-G Manoj Sinha visited Bota Kadal in Lal Bazar before the procession started, officials said. Sinha distributed water among the Shia mourners before the procession began from Bora Kadala and culminated at Zadibal Imambara, the officials said.

Senior BJP leaders, including former J&K BJP president Ravinder Raina and general secretary (Org) Ashok Koul, also participated in the procession. National Conference president and three-time ex-J&K CM Farooq Abdullah also took part in the celebrations.

The administration had issued strict guidelines to organisers to prevent the display of flags, banners or photographs associated with banned militant organisations, whether national or international, during Muharram processions. They had also warned against delivering anti-national or inflammatory speeches. Police had set up kiosks on various routes in Srinagar, where Shia mourners were being given water and other refreshments.

The 10th Muharram processions concluded peacefully across the Valley amid tight security arrangements. Notably, it was the third consecutive year that the 10th Muharram procession was allowed in Srinagar.

WEB OF CRIMES

7 linked to Chinese cyber criminals held in J'khand

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

Digital evidence seized

The arrested criminals used to supply mule bank accounts to Chinese cyber criminals from different parts of the country. During the search and interrogation, a significant number of digital evidence were seized.

THE Cyber Crime Branch of Jharkhand's Criminal Investigation Department (CID) has arrested seven cyber criminals, who were working as Indian agents of Chinese cyber criminals.

According to an official release by CID, on July 4, the CID received a secret information that a gang of organised cyber criminals in a Ranchi hotel were carrying out fraudulent activities in the name of digital arrest and investment. Based on the information, a raid was conducted by the Cyber Crime Branch in the hotel, from where seven cyber criminals were arrested, it said.

"Twelve mobiles, 11 laptops, 14 ATMs, check books as well as more than 60 chats of WhatsApp and Telegram have been recovered from the arrested cyber criminals," stated the official communique from CID. The arrested criminals used to supply mule bank accounts to Chinese cyber criminals from different parts of the country. Those arrested included a special agent who was working for Chinese moonpay, dragonpay, superpay and mangopayindia. "During the search and interrogation, a significant number of digital evidence were seized," the statement read.

U'khand CA arrested in ₹750-cr app loan scam

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

Lured with promise of easy loans

Unsuspecting individuals were lured with promises of quick and easy loans through more than 15 fraudulent mobile applications. Once victims installed them, fraudsters gained access to the devices.

A Chartered Accountant, identified as the alleged mastermind behind a massive fake loan app scam, has been arrested by Uttarakhand Police's cyber wing at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport.

Police sources said that Abhishek Agarwal was arrested on Saturday under a Look Out Circular (LOC) issued against him. His arrest has exposed a sprawling network that allegedly siphoned off over ₹750 crore through illicit transactions. Agarwal established a sophisticated web of approximately 35 to 40 shell companies to facilitate the fraud. Of these, 13 were registered in his own name, while 28 were in his wife's name.

Suspicious transactions exceeding ₹750 crore have been identified in accounts linked to these companies. The PRO of the Cyber police revealed that unsuspecting individuals were lured with promises of quick and easy loans through more than 15 fraudulent mobile applications. Once victims installed these apps, the fraudsters gained unauthorised access to their mobile devices.

27 killed
as rescue teams clear collapsed Karachi building, officials say

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	26	11	LC	Los Angeles	17	10	SNY
Colombo	32	25	TDS	Melbourne	18	13	LC
Dhaka	34	27	LC	Moscow	5	0	LC
Dubai	42	31	SNY	New York	14	6	LR
Houston	30	22	LC	Singapore	31	25	TDS
Istanbul	17	12	LR	Toronto	8	1	LC
London	17	8	SNY	Washington	23	8	TDS

DEATH TOLL IN TEXAS FLOODS RISES TO 67 AS 11 CAMPERS REMAIN MISSING

KERRVILLE

THE death toll from flash floods that rampaged through Central Texas rose to at least 67 on Sunday as rescuers maneuvering through challenging terrain found more bodies and continued their desperate search for many others, including 11 missing girls from a summer camp.

Searchers in Kerr County have found 16 bodies since Saturday afternoon, bringing the total number of dead there to 59, said Sheriff Larry Leitha. The dead included 21 children, he said. He pledged to keep searching in that Hill Country region until "everybody is found" from Friday's flash floods.

(Left to right)Campers embrace after arriving to a reunification area as girls from Camp Waldemar, near the North fork of the Guadalupe River, are reconnected with their families after heavy rainfall in Central Texas; officials comb through the banks of the Guadalupe River after a flash flood swept through the area in Hunt | AP

Four deaths also were reported in Travis County, three in Burnet and 1 in Kendall. Rescuers dealt with broken trees, overturned cars and muck-filled debris in the difficult task to find survivors. Authorities still have not said how many people were missing beyond the 11 children and a camp counselor from Camp Mystic, a Christian summer camp.

Families were allowed to look around the camp Sunday morning while nearby crews operating heavy equipment pulled tree trunks and tangled branches out of the water as they searched along a riverbank. Thunder rumbled from a new storm. A woman and a teenage girl, both wearing rubber waders, briefly went inside one of the cabins, which stood next to a pile of of soaked mattresses, a storage trunk and clothes. At one point, the pair doubled over, sobbing before they embraced.

Volunteers and some families of the missing who drove to the disaster zone searched the riverbanks despite being asked not to do so. The destructive, fast-moving waters rose 26 feet (8 meters) on the river in only 45 minutes before daybreak Friday, washing away homes and vehicles. *AP*

TEXAS FLOOD RESPONSE FACES SCRUTINY OVER RESPONSE TO CATASTROPHIC, DEADLY FLOODING

KERRVILLE: Before heading to bed before the Fourth of July holiday, Christopher Flowers checked the weather while staying at a friend's house along the Guadalupe River. Nothing in the forecast alarmed him. Hours later, he was rushing to safety: He woke up in darkness to electrical sockets popping and ankle-deep water. Quickly, his family scrambled nine people into the attic. "What they need is some kind of external system, like a tornado warning that tells people to get out now," Flowers, 44, said. But as authorities launch one of the largest search-and-rescue efforts in recent Texas history, they have come under intensifying scrutiny over preparations and why residents and youth summer camps that are dotted along the river were not alerted sooner or told to evacuate. The National Weather Service sent out a series of flash flood warnings in the early hours Friday before issuing flash flood emergencies — a rare alert notifying of imminent danger. Local officials have insisted that no one saw the flood potential coming and have defended their actions. AP

Khamenei makes 1st Appearance Since War

TEHRAN

IRAN' s Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on Saturday made his first public appearance since the 12-day war between Israel and Iran began, attending a mourning ceremony on the eve of Ashoura.

Khamenei's absence during the war suggested the Iranian leader, who has final say on all state matters, had been in seclusion in a bunker — something not acknowledged by state media. State TV in Iran showed him waving and nodding to the chanting crowd, which rose to its feet as he entered and sat at a mosque next to his office and residence in the capital, Tehran.

There was no immediate report on any public statement made. Iranian officials such as the parliament speaker were present. After the US inserted itself into the war by bombing three key nuclear sites in Iran, US President Donald Trump sent warnings via social media to the 86-year-old Khamenei that the US knew where he was but had no plans to kill him, "at least for now." Trump replied, in remarks to reporters and on social media: "Look, you're a man of great faith. A man who's highly respected in his country. You have to tell the truth. You got beat to hell." *AP*

BRICS summit opens in Brazil; Pezeshkian, Xi and Putin skip it

RIO DE JANEIRO

BRAZIL is playing host to a summit of the BRICS bloc of developing economies Sunday and Monday during which pressing topics like Israel's attack on Iran, the humanitarian crisis in Gaza and trade tariffs imposed by US President Donald Trump are expected to be handled with caution.

Analysts and diplomats have said the lack of cohesion in an enlarged BRICS, which doubled in size last year, may affect its ability to become another pole in world affairs.

They also see the summit's moderate agenda as an attempt by member countries to stay off Trump's radar. Brazil's President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva has some of his priorities, such as debates on artificial intelligence and climate change, front and center for the talks with key leaders not in attendance.

Lula said in his speech on Sunday that "we are witnessing the unparalled collapse of multilateralism" and that the meeting is taking place "in the most adverse global scenario" of the four times Brazil has hosted it.

China's Xi skipped the BRICS summit for the first time since 2012. Russia's Putin will appear virtually due to an arrest warrant. Iran's Pezeshkian and Egypt's el-Sissi are also absent from the Rio meeting. *AP*

EXPRESS READ

Men deported to South Sudan amid legal battles

WASHINGTON: Eight men convicted of violent crimes in the US were deported to South Sudan in May after weeks held under guard at a US military base in Djibouti. Their removal was challenged in court up to the Supreme Court, which ruled in favor of swift deportations to third countries despite dangers in South Sudan, including crime and armed conflict. Homeland Security called the move a win for law and security. The men were finally relocated after legal delays.

IN THE COURT OF THE Xth ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSION JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-26)
O. S. NO.6471 OF 2023

BETWEEN: 1. Sri. K B Ashoka S/o Late Badrinarana Rao Aged about 55 years, Residing at: Seetarama Krupa No.148, 10th Cross Indiranagar, 1st Stage Bangalore-560 038 **2. Sri Shyam, Prasad** S/o Anjeneya Murthy Aged about 50 years **3. Sri Chinamaya** S/o Anjeneya Murthy Aged about 47 years Both are residing at: No.318, 13th Cross, West of Chord Road, 2nd Stage, Mahalakshmipuram Bangalore-560 086 ...PLAINTIFFS

AND Sri. D Honnahangaiah ...DEFENDANT

SUMMONS/NOTICE TO DEFENDANT

Sri. D Honnagangaiah S/o Dasappa, Aged about 56 years, Residing at: No.162, 2nd Main Road, Manjunathanagar, Bangalore-560 032

WHEREAS, the plaintiff has filed the above case against the defendant seeking an ad-interim order of injunction restraining defendant from interfering with the peaceful possession and enjoyment of suit schedule property.

WHEREFORE, this notice is for defendant and the same is published, directing you to appear before the City Civil and Session Judge (CCH-26), 3rd Floor, Bengaluru, on 25.09.2025 a about 11 AM to answer the suit. If you fail to appear before this Hon'ble court on said day, in person or through your counsel, otherwise you will be placed ex-parte and the case will be disposed off in accordance with law.

SUIT SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residential Property bearing vacant Site old Nos.32, 33, 44 & 45, present Khaneshumari No.3110, Khatha No.3052, in Survey No.44, situated at at Sanaguruvanahalli Dhakle, Kamakshipalya Gramatana, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Now assigned as Corporation Municipal No.26, 2nd Main Road, N.G.O.Colony, Bangalore, Corporation Ward No.17, PID NO.17, 98-26, measuring East to West 45(Forty Five Feet) and North to South: 50 (Fifty Feet) Totally measuring 2250 Sq.ft and Bounded on: East By: Property belonging to M Lakshminarayana Swamy. West By : Property Nos. 43 & 34. North By: Private Property. South By: Road

This notice is issued on 21st day of June 2025 under my signature.

By order of the Court.
Senior Sheristadar, City Civil and Session Court, Bangalore-09

Advocate For Plaintiffs: **Vijay kumar L.**, Holla Associats Advocates, #94, Lahari, RMV 2nd stage. 2nd Cross, KGE Layout, Sanjay Nagar, Bangalore-560094. Ph 7899616065

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IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, AT BENGALURU
No. 1, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore - 560 001
O.A. No.689/2022

Between: Bank Of Baroda, Basaveshwaranagar Branch ....**Applicant**
And
M/s. Cauvery Steel Traders and Ors. ...**Defendants**

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 TO DEFENDANTS THROUGH PAPER PUBLICATION

To : Defendants No. 1 to 3

1.M/s. Cauvry Steel Traders, Represented by its Proprietor, Mrs. Shantha M., W/o. Mr. S. K. Dayananda , having its Office at: No. 101, Hanumanthappa Complex, H. P. Petrol Pump, Magadi Main Road, Byadarahalli, Bangalore - 560 091.

2. Mr. Dayananda S. K. S/o. K. S. Thimmegowda, R/at No. 149/7, Opposite Vidya Public School, Tunganagar, Herohalli, Vishwaneedaum Post, Bangalore - 560 091.

3. Mr. Vinaya Kumar D., S/o. S. K. Dayananda, R/at No. 289, Near Vidya Public School, Tungangar, Herohalli, Vishwa needaum Post, Bangalore - 560 091.

Whereas, the Applicant Bank has instituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Bankruptcy Act, 1993, against you for the recovery of sum of **Rs.3,84,75,278/-** (Rupees Three Crore Eighty Four Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy Eight Only) with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs. You hereby required to show-cause within 30 days from the date of publication of the summons on or before **06.11.2025 at 10:30 a.m.** in the forenoon in person or by a Pleader/ Advocate duly instructed as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in default of appearance, on the day mentioned hereinabove, the proceedings will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Hon'ble Tribunal on 30.04.2025

Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -I , Bangalore
Advocate for Applicant Bank
Prakash Hegde K.

FORM No.14
[See Regulation 33(2)

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - I/II DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT 2)
Government of India Ministry of Finance Department of Financial Services Debt Recovery Tribunal - II Karnataka (Bengaluru) 4th Floor, Telephone House Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru, Pincode - 560001

TRC NO: 135 / 2018

United Bank of India
Electronic City Branch
Plot No. 100 Electronic City
Bangalore 560 100
- Certificate Holder

Versus

M/s AGS Infotech Limited& others
- Defendants

DEMAND NOTICE

1. M/s AGS Infotech Limited
Corporate Office
No.29/1C, Ist Floor, South Block
Beratina Agrahara, Electronic City
Hosur Road Bangalore-560 100

Also at (Registered Office)
M/s AGS Infotech Limited
Sahiti Arcade 3rd Floor
Behind Police Station
S.R. Nagar, Hyderabad 560 038
Earlier registered Office at
No.503, Harmony Heights
7-1-67, D.K.Road, Ameerpet
Hyderbad 560016

2. Sri Dhanjaya Reddy
Director M/s AGS Technologies
Flat No.415, Shobha Open
Jayanagar 4th Block
Bangalore 560 041
- Defendants

In View of the Recovery Certificate issued in **TA No.57/2017 (OA No.166/2013)** passed by the Presiding Officer, DRT, Bangalore an amount of **Rs.29,48,01,406/- (Rupees Twenty nine Crores forty eight lakhs one thousand four hundred six only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from the date of filing of O.A. till realization of the Recovery Certificate.

In addition to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay all charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the amount within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on 4th day of August 2018.

Recovery Officer-1
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2
BANGALORE

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below:

"Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against sugifigoperty in execution of a decree for the payment of money.

2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment.

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Schedule Property

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing No.44 , situated at Avalahalli, BSK 3rd Stage, Girinagar, Bangalore 560085 , BBMP Deepanjali nagar Ward No. 158 of Bangalore, measuring East to West 9.15 Mtrs or 30 ft and North to South 15.54 Mtrs or 51 ft,. In all measuring 142.19 Sqmtrs or 1531 Sqft, together with building constructed thereon and bounded on :

East by Property No. 45,
West by Property No. 43,
North by Road,
South by Property No. 47.

PRADEEP B.V. ADVOCATE
No. 114 & 115, 'Bindu Galaxy', #2, 1st Main Road, Rajajinagar Industrial Town, W.O.C. Road, Bengaluru-560 010, M.: +91-9481778692/8892005501

FORM No.14
[See Regulation 33(2)

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER-I/II DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT 2)
Government of India Ministry of Finance Department of Financial Services Debt Recovery Tribunal - II Karnataka (Bengaluru) 4th Floor, Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru, Pincode - 560001

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961

RC/267/2022

PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK
Versus
GM HANDICRAFTS PRIVATE LIMITED & OTHERS

To

(CHB) PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK
Hudson Circle
Vokkaligara Sangha Building,
Bangalore -560027
CERTIFICATE HOLDERS

(CD 1) G M HANDICRAFTS PRIVATE LIMITED
Sham Nagar Tilak Nagar
New Delhi-110018

Also at:
No.28 Ground Floor
Raheja Arcade 1/1
Koramangala-560095

(CD 2) SRI BHESHA RAJ
Managing Director
Ms GM Handicrafts Pvt Ltd No 111
DLF Towers Shivaji Marg Moti Nagar
New Delhi-110015

(CD 3) MR AJAY AGARWAL
Ms GM Handicraft Pvt Ltd
No 401 C Block Brindavan Apartments
Uttharahalli Main Road
Bangalore 560085

(CD 4) MR RAGHUNATH REDDY
Ms GM Handicrafts Pvt Ltd
No 541 2 1st cross 8th main 4th block
Koramangala Bangalore 560034

(CD 5) MR RANJIT SINGH
Ms GM Handicraft Pvt Ltd
No 111 DLF Tower Shivaji Marg
Moti Nagar New Delhi 110015

(CD 6) SMT SAMEENA SHERIEF
W/o Mr Mujeeb Ahmed Sherief
No 92 6th Cross Dollars Colony
BTM Layout 2nd stage, Bangalore 560076
CERTIFICATE DEBTORS

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT 2)in **OA/352/2019** an amount of Rs **43337762 (Rupees Four Crore Thirty Three Lakhs Thirty Seven Thousands Seven Hundred Sixty Two Only)** along with pendentellite and future interest as applicable as per RC w.e.f. 22/02/2019 and cost till realization has become due against you (Jointly and severally/Fully/ Limited).

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.

3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.

4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on **08/11/2022** at 10:30 am. for further proceedings.

5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:

(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/execution proceedings.

(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: **11/08/2022**

Recovery Officer
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
BANGALORE (DRT 2)

You are directed that the payment made, if any, by the Certificate Debtor(s) be credited to the consolidated account of all debts due in this case from the Certificate Debtor(s) and the Recovery Officer kept posted with the payment position regularly.

The consolidated account so maintained will be subject to the verification of the Recovery Officer. You are further directed to submit an up to date statement of the total claim in respect of the above matter and full details of property particulars wherefrom the recovery of the debt is to be made.

FORM No.14
[See Regulation 33(2)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - I - BANGALORE
No. 4, First Floor, L IC Jeevan Mangal Building, Residency Road Bangalore Karnataka-560025.

DRC No: 11300

PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK
RMV EXTENSION BRANCH, NO 40, NEW BEL ROAD, RMV EXTENSION, BANGALORE-560 054
Certificate Holder

Versus

M/S PREM MOBILE SHOPPEE & FANCY STORES

DEMAND NOTICE

1. M/S PREM MOBILE SHOPPEE & FANCY STORES,
Represented by its Proprietrix
MRS. SHANTHI BAI,
W/o Naresh Kumar, No. 135/1,
5th Main, Chamarajpet,
Bangalore560 018
Defendant/Certified Debtor

In View of the Recovery Certificate issued in **O.A No.1531/2015** passed By the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bangalore an amount of **Rs.15,14,337/-(Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Fourteen Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Seven Only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the amount within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay:

a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings.

b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on 30th day of December 2017.

RECOVERY OFFICER-2
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1
BANGALORE

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[See Regulation 33(2)

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DEMAND NOTICE

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RC/1657/2019 **28-07-2020**

UNITED BANK OF INDIA
Versus
SRI. P SAMPANGI RAMASWAMY

To

UNITED BANK OF INDIA
Branch Office at Plot No 100
UBI Building Electronic City Branch,
Electronics City Represented by
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S/o Parameshwarappa No 13
11th Cross, Sarakki Ist Phase
J P Nagar Bengaluru-560078-560078

2. Smt Munirathna
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3. Sri D H Siddana Goud
No 25 RMS Colony Bhatarahalli
Virgonagar Post-560049
Certificate Debtors

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT 2) in **OA/213/2017** an amount of **Rs 2701993.00 (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakhs One Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Three Only)** along with pendentellite and future interest @ 11.00% Compound Interest Yearly w.e.f. **13/03/2017** till realization and costs of **Rs 30005 (Rupees Thirty Thousands Five Only)** has become due against you (Jointly and severally).

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.

3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.

4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on **06/10/2021** at 10:30 a.m. for further proceedings.

5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:

(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.

(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal on this date: **28/07/2020**

Recovery Officer-2
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BANGALORE (DRT 2)

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POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Office of the M/S, LIC Housing Finance Limited the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of security Interest(enforcement) Rule 2002 issued demand notice on below mentioned date calling upon the borrower/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act with rule 9 of the said rules on below mentioned date.

The Borrower and the public in general are here by cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with property will be subject to the charge of M/s. LIC Housing Finance Limited for an amount notice mentioned below and interest thereon,

The Borrower attention is invited to provisions of section 13(8) of the said ACT, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Name of the Borrower, Loan No & Possession Taken Date	Demand Notice Date	Notice Amount	Description of the Property
Mr. Mahesh N Loan A/c No 4001190000477 Symbolic possession Date 02/07/2025	21/01/2025	Rs. 7339028.00	Schedule Property : All that piece and parcel of the immovable residentially converted land bearing Sy No.13/1, measuring 1 Acre 20 Guntas converted for non-agricultural residential purpose vide conversion certificate/Official Memorandum bearing ALN.(S) SR (KEN)14/2015-16, dated 22/03/2016 issued by District Commissioner, Bangalore District situated at Pattanagere Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, and bounded on East by: Portion of land bearing Sy.No.13/1 West by: Land bearing Sy.No.15 North by: Portion of land bearing Sy.No.13/1, South by: Land bearing Sy.No.12/1A & Road. B SCHEDULE : All that piece and parcel of the immovable residentially converted land bearing Sy No.12/1A, measuring 10 ½ Guntas converted for non-agricultural residential purpose vide conversion certificate/Official Memorandum bearing ALN.(S)SR(KEN) 57/2012-13, issued by District Commissioner, Bangalore District situated at Pattanagere Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, and bounded on East by: Portion of land bearing Sy.No.12/1A, West by: Road & Mylasandra Village Boundary North by: Land bearing Sy. No.13/1 South by: Mylasandra Village Boundary. All the piece and parcel of the immovable residential apartment/Flat bearing NO.112, First Floor, in B Block, in the multi storied building known as ELEGANT EXQUSITE with super built up area of 1233 sq.ft. & 888 Sq.ft. of carpet area & 601.8273 sq.ft of undivided share right, title and interest in schedule A property along with one covered car parking area bearing No.112 in Block B, structure with RCC Roof, walls with Cement Block, vitrified flooring, Main door teak wood, other door frames with sal wood with flush shutters, Aluminium windows with safety MS grills, bore well water, electricity and sewerage amenities together with common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircase and other areas of common use etc.
Mr. Jayadev K V Loan A/c No. 16061506201 Symbolic possession Date : 02/07/2025	31/12/2024	Rs. 4649823.00	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing numbers Nos.5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 25A, 26, 27 and 28 B B M P Khata No.1324/866/5, situated at Maruthi Nagar, Kogilu Village Road, Yelahanka, Bangalore North measuring East to West183.5 + 165.3/2 feet and North to South : 223 + 147/2 feet and bounded on the: East by: Private Property, West by: Road North by: Road and Maruthi Nagar Housing Board South by: Property belonging to Smt Vijayamma. B Schedule : 422 Square Feet undivided right, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' Property :A Three Bed Room Apartment bearing No.G15 situated on Ground Floor in Building Known as "MIDHILA DELUXE" constructed on the Schedule –A Property with super built up area of 1570 sft. Along with Two covered Car Parking area in the Basement and having R.C.C. Roofing, Main Door and shutter decorative moulded, made of quality hard wood (both sides teak finish), Wood Windows / Internal Flush Doors with sal Wood frames with proportionate share in common areas, lobbies, passages, lifts, staircase, etc., with electricity, water and sanitary connection with all appurtenances whatsoever, with Common use of approach to car park area and staircase
Mr. Raghavendra M Loan A/c No. 410200005519 Symbolic possession Date: 02/07/2025	13/02/2025	Rs. 1170243.00	All that piece and parcel of the Residentially converted Land bearing survey no.61, property No.150200203500700056, measuring an extent of 1 Acre 11 Guntas (One acre Eleven Guntas), vide conversion official Memorandum Order No.ALN.(NAY)SR/121/15-16, dated 06-04-2016, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, Situated at JARAKA BANDEKAVAL Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, and bounded on: East by:Remaining Portion of the same Survey No.61, West by: Land bearing Survey No.60 North by: Remaining Portion of the same Survey No.61 and Road, South by: Land belonging to Sri Lakkanna and Border/Gadi. B SCHEDULE : All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing Vacant Site No.09/B, Khata No. 35/61, in the layout known as "BALAJI GREENS" formed out of Converted survey No.61, vide conversion official Memorandum Order No.ALN.(NAY)SR/121/15-16, dated 06-04-2016, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, Situated at JARAKA BANDEKAVAL Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West: 30'-0" feet and North to South: 20'-0" feet totally 600 square feet and bounded as follows : East by: 30 feet wide Road West by: Site No.20,North by: Site No.10 South by: Site No.09/A
Mr. Chintamani Anjaneyappa Srinivasalu & Ms. V Sujatha Loan A/c No. 4002160001061 Symbolic possession Date : 02/07/2025	17/02/2025	Rs. 3171721.00	All that piece and parcel of the immovable Property residential vacant Site bearing No.425, Conversion order of the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Vide No.ALN(NAY)SR 176/11-12 dated 03.03.2012 out of converted Sy.No.2, presently Sy.No.2, Presently Sy.No.2/2, BBMP Katha No.1230/2/02/425, situated at 9th A Cross, M S Nagar, 4th Stage, Thirumenahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore – 560064, Ward No.05, measuring East to West: 22.5+33/2 (27.75) feet and North to South: 40+42.5/2(41.25) feet and totally it consist of 1144 square feet presently engulf within the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike and bounded on: East by: Site No.426, West by: Private Property North by: Road, South by: Site No.430
Mr/Ms.Vijaya Krishna Boddu & Mr/Ms. Dhananjali Boddu Loan A/c No.411900007701 411900011384 Symbolic possession Date : 02/07/2025	24/12/2024	Rs. 13591543.77	All that piece and parcel of the Converted land bearing Sy.No.23 measuring 2 Acres 05 Guntas, situated at Gubbalalu Village, Uttahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk (Converted Vide Official Memorandum No.BDIS/ALN/SR/(S) 744/2004-05, dated 04.04.2005), and bounded on the: East by: B.W.S.S.B Road, West by : Private Property belongs to Dr.D Premachandra Sagar & othersNorth by : 80 feet road formed by BDA South by : Private Property belongs to Marappa S/o Muniyappa and others B SCHEDULE : An undivided share, right,title and interest in the schedule 'A' property measuring to an extent of 483 sft. Proposed Apartment / Flat bearning Flat No.A-006, in 'A' Block Ground Floor of the residential Apartment Complex known as 'LIBERTY SQUARE' having super built up Area of 1455 Square feet (which is inclusive of he floors, ceiling and walls between the apartment and proportionate share in all common areas) together with One Covered Car Parking Space in basement.
Mr. Raju Naik Loan A/c No. 410500003374 Physical Possession date : 02/07/2025	21/11/2023	Rs. 714087.00	All that piece and parcel of immovable Residential property bearing Site No.112, Khaneshumari No.149/112, Municipal Khata No.1538/149/112 formed in Sy. No. 29/1 & 29/2, duly converted for residential purpose, vide its order dated 12-05-1995, bearing No.156/1994-95 issued by Deputy Commissioner, Ramanagar District, Ramanagar. Ward No.8, situated at Kethiganahalli Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagar District/Taluk, measuring East to West: 40 Feet and North to South: 30 Feet., in all total 1200 Sq.ft. and bounded on East by: Site No.133 West by: Road, North by: Site No.111 South by: Site No.113.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 07.07.2025

Sd/- Authorized Officer
LIC Housing Finance Limited

₹14,590 CR have been invested by foreign investors in India's equity market in June

How to report capital gains/losses in ITR

While filing your Income Tax Return, it is crucial to remember certain key things including holding period of assets

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

IF your financial year involves buying or selling assets, understanding how to correctly report capital gains or losses in your Income Tax Return (ITR) is paramount. While a tax advisor can guide you, a basic understanding of these concepts will empower you to manage your taxes effectively.

What is a Capital Asset?

As per Section 2(14) of the Income Tax Act, 1961, a "Capital Asset" is broadly defined to include "any kind of property held by an assessee, whether or not connected with business or profession." This definition covers everything from shares, MFs to real estate, and even certain intangible assets like patents. The origin of acquisition doesn't change its status; even if an asset is acquired with tax-exempt income, it remains a capital asset.

Holding period matters

Generally, an asset held for more than 36 months immediately preceding its transfer is considered long-term. However, there are some exceptions, though. For listed equity shares, units of equity-oriented MFs, listed debentures, Government Securities, and zero-coupon bonds, the holding period is 12 months for gains to be eligible for long-term capital gains. For unlisted shares and immovable property, the threshold is 24 months. This period for immovable property was reduced from 36 months with effect from AY2018-19.

What constitutes a 'transfer' or sale?

While 'transfer' typically implies a sale, Section 2(47) of the

Income Tax Act, 1961 provides an inclusive definition, encompassing a broader range of transactions that trigger capital gains tax. These include sale, exchange, or relinquishment of the asset; extinguishment of any rights in relation to a capital asset; compulsory acquisition of an asset; maturity or redemption of a Zero Coupon Bonds; among others.

ITR form and documents

If your income includes capital gains, you will likely need to file ITR-2 or ITR-3. For capital gains transactions, especially from shares, you'll require a summary or profit/loss statement from your broker. For mutual funds, consolidated capital gain statements from CAMs and KFintech are essential. For the capital gains/losses from equity shares, you can check with your broker for a capital gain statement.

For the sale of Virtual Digital Assets, you can get a transaction report or Profit and Loss report from respective exchanges.

For immovable property, sale and purchase deeds, details of improvement costs, and transfer expenses are needed. Additionally, you'll need standard documents like your PAN, Aadhaar, bank account details, and Form 26AS.

Setting off and carrying forward capital losses

Capital losses can only be set off against capital gains. You cannot set off capital losses against income from other heads like salary or house property.

Short-Term Capital Loss (STCL) can be set off against both Short-Term Capital Gains (STCG) and Long-Term Capital Gains (LTCG).

Long-Term Capital Loss (LTCL) can only be set off against LTCG. If your capital losses cannot be fully set off in the current financial year, both STCL and LTCL can be carried forward for up to eight assessment years immediately succeeding the year in which the loss was incurred.

IN CONVERSATION

RAJIV MEMANI
President, CII

'Global headwinds strong, reforms needed for growth'

ADVOCATING for reforms to enhance economic growth, **Rajiv Memani**, President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Ernst & Young (EY) India's Chairman said that there is a need to increase business competitiveness and bring down production cost. In an exclusive interaction with TNIE's **Arshad Khan**, Memani said that geopolitical tensions have slowed down capital expenditure from private companies. He also shares his views on India's growth prospects, and the country' approach to global trade negotiations. Edited Excerpts:

You have projected the economy to grow at 6.4-6.7% in FY26. Why is India not able to achieve 8-9% growth?
If you have to put one factor, global headwinds are very strong. We have integrated well into the global economy, and relative to what economic growth would be, amongst the larger economies, India would again be the fastest-growing economy for the third year. The growth gap between India and other economies - especially large, mature markets - could be four to five times wider. There are always things we can do better. If we can have some reforms, it will help in accelerating growth. These reforms are needed to enhance business competitiveness, reduce production costs, and significantly improve operational efficiency.

How can India assure to have a win-win trade deal with the USA, given President Trump is adamant to reduce its trade deficit?
I must compliment the government of India first for the amount of time they have spent researching matters and facts related to indigenous industry and sectors that will be impacted by the deal. Even though India is not under any compulsion to make a deal, most business people would be happy provided it is done on terms that are favourable or fair to India. If it is not fair, it is not the end of the world.

If we can have some reforms, it will help in accelerating growth, and these reforms are needed to enhance business competitiveness and reduce production costs

FMCG to Auto firms are struggling to make sales in the urban centres. What has led to this slowdown?
Earlier the issue was much more on the rural side, but the demand in the rural sector has picked up. Over the past 12 months, demand in urban centres, particularly among lower- to middle-income households has been more constrained. The inflation we saw last year impacted consumption and the income growth probably did not provide much cushion. Also, a lot of surpluses in urban centres went into the capital market. This is also one of the factors that impacted urban consumption. Going forward, I do believe that as interest rates come down, inflation eases, urban consumption should pick up, most likely in the second half. We are seeing some early signs of it, at least in the consumer goods space.

Why has the manufacturing sector's share in India's GDP not picked up in the last 10 years or so?
One of the reasons why it has not picked up is that the cost structures in India are not competitive. Factors of production, whether it is the availability of land, power cost and logistics, which are coming down should continue to come down. In some critical sectors where India is not competitive, a lot of manufacturing has gone into one country (China). If you have to compete with that country, you have to provide incentives. The cost of capital in that country is almost zero and their build size is phenomenal. India will have to identify which sectors they have a chance to compete and then they can double down on it.

Private sector is often criticised for not investing enough. What would you say on this?
Capex has been good over the last 2-3 years, but has seen a slowdown in the past 6 months due to the disruption that is happening around the world. If I am planning to put up a chemical plant and the price of the main raw material swings from one corner to the other, it becomes very difficult for me to plan a capital expenditure. As geopolitical issues become clearer and India enters into trade agreements, gradually you will see more capex.

MONEY-WISE

WHEN ARE ULIPS THE RIGHT CHOICE

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BASED purely on content from a search engine's results, one could form an opinion that Unit Linked Insurance Plans (ULIPs) offered by insurance companies are costlier and lack the same transparency as mutual funds, besides generating much lower returns after 5 years, which is usually the lowest installment premium paying term for a ULIP investor.

Now, if one shifted the needle from 5 to 10 or 12 years, much of the above criticism stands weakened. To understand a financial product better, one must determine its optimal holding period first, and then compare costs.

At the end of a 10 to12-year period, the cost of a ULIP which may seem costlier at the end of a 5-year period due to front loading of costs as against mutual funds that charge evenly throughout the holding tenure, will appear to be similar. In certain cases, it may even seem less costly as ULIP costs start dipping during the second half of a dozen year tenure. The myth around cost and transparency is thus no longer an entirely fair one and as for returns, take a good look at the comparative numbers and decide whether a ULIP's net returns are better or worse at the end of a 10 to 12-year term or that of a balance advantage mutual fund. So, does this mean, ULIPs are superior to MFs as an investment vehicle. The simple answer is yes and no. It depends on whether one prefers apples or oranges, as that is the nature of the comparative studies that one reads on many financial websites. The simpler way to look at it is to select based on the appropriateness of a product to the temperament of an investor. Allow me to cite an example to buttress my point.

A successful businessman and Ultra HNI investor who is my client now told me how, just before the current stock market rally commenced in 2013, he got fed up of waiting for good returns from the mutual funds he invested in after just 15 months and sold all of them. With the not so inconsiderable proceeds, he purchased an exotic painting on the advice of his then 'wealth manager' from an MNC private bank.

He was assured that the artist was the next MF Hussain and that in 25 years he would earn an extraordinary return from this investment. Now that is something only time will tell, but my hunch is that 7 years down the line, there has been no significant appreciation in either the value of the painting or the standing of the artist. Worse still, his wife, a far more astute investor, hated the painting and he now pays handsome locker rent to his bank for hosting the 'masterpiece'.

So, would he have been better off, if notwithstanding his impulsive temperament, he held a less liquid ULIP investment in 2013? Let us go deeper into this discussion, in my next column.

MONEY MATTERS

THE JANE STREET SAGA: WHAT IT MEANS TO YOU

FINANCIAL KNOWLEDGE
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THE 105-page interim order in the matter of index manipulation of Jane Street Group, a global proprietary trading firm, rocked the stock market last week. The Securities and Exchange Board of India, the stock market regulator, barred a group of four entities from trading in Indian markets and ordered the impounding of their profits. Sebi has accused the group of manipulating the prices of securities for profit. Derivatives, such as futures and options, derive their value from underlying securities, like stock indices or individual shares. Traders around the world buy in markets where prices are low and sell when prices are high. They do that within the cash or derivative market or across markets.

The purpose of trading in derivatives is to make short-term profits. With the help of technology, high-frequency traders can buy in one market and sell in another in microseconds. Now, you can do that between two different counter parties. The accusation in the case of Jane's Group concerns the use of the same entities belonging to the group, but registered in different geographic locations, for carrying out high-frequency trades. At the same time, shares in the cash market, such as those held by large banks with a high weight in the Bank Nifty, were bought and sold closer to the market close on multiple days. The allegation is that it was done to move the final settlement price in favour of Jane Group companies.

While the reaction in the cash market was subdued, it was evident in a sharp decline in trading volume in the index and stock options segments on the National Stock Exchange last Friday. Those who are into day trading are likely to exercise caution. There are multiple opinions already on the issue. Some reports suggest that the Jane Group is not the only foreign trading firm in the Indian equity options market that comprises index-based options (such as Nifty and Bank Nifty) or stock options. There are other firms as well, and they may be hesitant to enter the Indian market. Brokers offering their opinions are cautious in their response to the Sebi order. Brokers generate a significant remuneration out of the day trading activity through brokerages and fees from you. They are unlikely to be happy about any decline in the trading volume in the Indian stock market.

MANDAR PARDIKAR

Some independent experts said on social media that the Jane Group is a resourceful organisation and will pursue appeals against the Sebi order. The outcome of the case will determine the future role of foreign portfolio investors in the Indian derivatives segment. The long-term investors among them will not be bothered. However, those who rely on day trading may want to tread with caution.

What it means

If you are an active day trader, you must use this situation to learn. This column has always maintained the importance of knowledge. The Sebi order is excellent reading material for someone trying to generate income from stock market trading. It explains the situation of the case but also touches upon the basics of options trading. You can understand the dos and don'ts of stock market trading and the associated risks. You will also learn that as an individual, it will be increasingly challenging to compete with technology.

While machines execute transactions in microseconds, it takes far more time for you to execute trading strategies on your own. The significant individual interest in options trading is encouraged as firms that use technology make money at their expense. Derivative trading in futures and options is not a new concept. It is a formidable tool that allows traders to bet on the future price trend of underlying securities, creating liquidity. At the same time, it also helps you hedge the risk against your long-term equity holding.

Adani launches ₹1k cr NCD issue offering up to 9.3%

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

ADANI Enterprises, the flagship company of the Adani Group, on Sunday announced a ₹1,000 crore non-convertible debenture (NCD) issue offering up to 9.30% per annum. AEL's first NCD issuance of ₹800 crore, launched in September last year, was fully subscribed on the first day.

"The second public issuance of NCDs by AEL, further deepens our commitment to inclusive capital markets growth and retail participation in long-term infrastructure development. This new issuance follows the strong market response to AEL's debut NCD offering, which witnessed capital appreciation for debt investors after a rating upgrade within six months, reflecting the Group's consistent delivery and financial robustness," said Jugeshinder 'Robbie' Singh, Group CFO, Adani Group.

"As the incubator of India's most critical energy and transport utility platforms including Adani Ports & SEZ, Adani Energy Solutions, Adani Power, and Adani Green Energy, AEL is now successfully scaling the next generation of infrastructure businesses across airports, roads, data centers, and the green hydrogen ecosystem," he added. The base size issue is ₹500 crore, with an option to retain over-subscription up to an additional ₹500 crore (greenshoe option) aggregating up to ₹1,000 crore. The NCDs have a face value of ₹1,000 each.

Titan aims to dominate in ₹6k cr women's handbag mkt

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

TITAN'S accessory division, which retails bags under brands like IRTH and Fastrack, aspires to dominate the ₹6,000 crore market in the coming years on the back of rapid expansion. The company aims to clock ₹1,000 revenue from the women's handbag business in the next three years (FY28) and another ₹500 crore from the fragrance business where it is already a market leader, Manish Gupta, Chief Executive Officer, Fragrances and Accessories Division at Titan told TNIE in an exclusive interaction.

"We anticipate the women's handbag market to be about ₹6,000 crore annually. About ₹2,600 to 2,700 crore would be organised and the balance is

something which we don't know. And this ₹2,600-2700 crore consists of all international brands, domestic brands, D2C brands and so on," said Gupta. He added, "It's a very fragmented market and so if you look at the brands, the average size of the brand may not be more than ₹200-300 crore at most. This reflects that this category has not matured, is underserved, underpenetrated, and needs a strong player to come and start transforming the industry." Titan expects ₹600 crore to be contributed by the IRTH brand, while the balance ₹400 crore to come from the Fastrack portfolio of handbags. To increase its presence, Gupta said that they would be ramping up their online as well as retail presence.

As of now, 60-70% of the revenue for Fastrack brand comes from online channels while for IRTH brand, this number is smaller at about 10%. Titan is also looking to rope in franchises to expand the retail presence of IRTH. "We expect the brand's first franchise store to open in the next four months. Overall, we are looking to have 100 stores for the brand by FY28," he said.

India-US interim trade pact could be before July 9

PTI @ New Delhi

WITH India setting its red lines on key issues in sectors such as agriculture and dairy for the proposed interim trade agreement with the US, the ball is now in Washington's court to finalise the deal, sources said. They said if issues are settled, an interim trade pact could be announced before July 9, which marks the end of the 90-day suspension period of the Trump tariffs announced on April 2 on dozens of countries, including India.

"India has drawn its red lines... now the ball is in the US court," they said. In February, the two countries announced starting negotiations for a bilateral trade agreement (BTA). They fixed a deadline to conclude the first tranche or phase of the BTA by fall (September-October) this year. Before that, the two sides are locking to finalise an interim trade pact. On April 2, the US imposed an additional 26% reciprocal tariff on Indian goods but suspended it for 90 days. However, the 10% baseline tariff imposed by America remains in place. India is seeking full exemption from this 26% tariff.

Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal last week stated that India does not enter into any trade agreement based on deadlines and will accept the proposed trade deal with the US only when it is fully finalised, properly concluded and in the national interest.

Harvinder wins two gold medals in Asian Para meet

World number 1 and reigning Paralympics champion Harvinder Singh bagged two gold medals to complete a hat-trick of podium finishes, powering India to the second place in medal standings behind hosts China at the 2025 Asian Para Archery Championships here on Sunday. India ended with a tally of three gold, three silver and three bronze medals.

Birmingham breached, over to Lord's

Visitors register a 336-run victory, their biggest overseas in terms of runs, to level the five-match series 1-1

GOMESH S @ Chennai

JAMIE Smith had just smacked Akash Deep into the stands in the 56th over. Much like he had throughout the first innings, Smith had taken on every time the ball was in his zone no matter the situation. The last time he got out in this series was 13 days ago on Day Three of the first Test in Leeds.

Here, on the final day of the Edgbaston Test, batting on 88 off 98 balls, Smith was once again standing between India and a historic victory. This time, however, India had the luxury of runs and England, just as they did in the first innings, were only delaying the inevitable.

On the fourth ball of the 56th over, Akash Deep kept it short again, but this time with the lack of pace Smith ended up top-edging it and Washington Sundar completed a simple catch in the deep.

Akask Deep finally has his moment of the match. He had taken a five-wicket haul — his first in the format and in international cricket — after finishing with four wickets in the first innings. As the bowler raised his hand with the ball, acknowledging the moment, he received a tight hug from his fellow pacer Mohammed Siraj, the leader of the attack. Siraj, in fact, had asked Akash Deep if he should bowl defensively so that the Bengal pacer could take a fifer only 48 hours ago. But Akash Deep knew that it was only a matter of time before he earned it. And he did so in style on Day Five of the second Test.

He did not stop there. Akash Deep went on to take the final wicket, that of Brydon Carse, with another top-edge to etch his name in the history books. A ten-wicket haul for an Indian in England for the first time since 1986 at the venue.

Fittingly, it was captain Shubman Gill who took the final catch and threw it as high and far as possible before letting out a roar. He knew this was his match. This was the moment the world will remember when they think about Gill's arrival as Test captain. 430 runs in the match (second-most in the history of Test cricket), a double century and a 150 in the same match, almost 600 runs in four Test innings (585) — this was Gill telling not just the cricketing world but also his teammates that he is their leader and he is here to stay.

Once Gill set the tone with the bat, his teammates followed. Siraj stood up in the absence of Jasprit Bumrah to take a six-fer, Prasidh Krishna bowled tight lines in the second innings after an expensive spell on day three, Akash Deep went one step further to write his name on the honours board and then of course the batting depth coming to the fore. One could still argue that India should have played Kuldeep Yadav in place of one of their three all-rounders, and it might happen in three days' time at Lord's.

However, this match is not about that. This match was all about Gill making a statement; first with the bat and then as a captain. Ask him if this is the best he has ever batted in Test cricket, Gill kept his eyes on the target, which is winning the series.

"I am definitely feeling comfortable with my game and if we are able to win the series with my contributions, it'll be great. As I said before, I want to play as a batter, and go out as a batter and make decisions as a batter. Sometimes you won't take some risks when you're thinking as a captain which you have to do as a batter," he told the broadcaster after the historic 336-run victory.

Lord's will not be as flat as Edgbaston or Headingley. But India will have Bumrah and the scoreline going into the match will read 1-1. It was only possible because when push came to shove at Edgbaston, Gill's India came out all guns blazing and registered a victory that will go down in the history books.

PIC: AP

India players walk off the field after registering their maiden Test win at Edgbaston, Birmingham on Sunday | AFP

SCOREBOARD

India 1st Innings: 587; **England 1st Innings:** 407; **India 2nd innings:** 427/6 decl; **England 2nd innings** (O/n 72/3 in 16 ovs): Brook lbw b Akash Deep 23, Stokes lbw b Washington 33, Smith c Washington b Akash Deep 88, Woakes c Siraj b Krishna, Carse c Gill b Akash Deep, Tongue c Siraj b Jadeja, Bashir not out 12; **Extras** (b 4, lb 4, nb 3, w 2): 13; **Total** (all out in 68.1 ovs): 271; **FoW:** 4-80, 5-83, 6-153, 7-199, 8-226, 9-246; **Bowling:** Akash Deep 21.1-2-99-6, Siraj 12-3-57-1, Krishna 14-2-39-1, Jadeja 15-4-40-1, Washington 6-2-28-1.

1st

India registered their first win at Edgbaston on Sunday. In their previous eight matches since 1967 at the venue, they had lost seven and drawn one.

336

India won by 336 runs, their biggest win overseas in terms of runs. This is also their fourth-biggest win overall in the format.

2nd

Akash Deep became only the 2nd Indian bowler to take a 10 Wicket-Haul in a Test in England. Chetan Sharma was the first when he bagged 10/188 at Birmingham in 1986.

> *I have not spoken about this with anyone but two months back, my sister was diagnosed with cancer. She will be very happy with my performance and this will bring some smiles back. Every time I picked up the ball, her thoughts and picture crossed my mind. This performance is dedicated to her.* — Akash Deep, India pacer

Gold standard: Boxer Sakshi back to the fore

ANMOL GURUNG @ Chennai

EVER since her budding days, boxer Sakshi Chaudhary has displayed her aptitude inside the squared circle. Junior world champ — check. Youth world champ — check (twice). However, at the elite level, things had not gone as expected. The youngster had fallen behind and was forced to go back to the drawing board and re-discover herself. But now, her career trajectory seems to be back on track.

On Sunday, the 24-year-old, who was inspired by former champion boxer Vijender Singh's feats to take up the gloves, returned with a gold medal in the women's 54kg weight category at the World Boxing Cup in Astana, Kazakhstan. The youngster, who comes from the famed Bhiwani Boxing Club (BBC), won by unanimous verdict against USA's Yoseline Perez in the gold-medal bout.

This gold comes after her dominant performance during the national championships in Greater Noida earlier this year. The boxer, who hails from Dhanana village in Bhiwani, Haryana had won a couple of bouts by RSC verdicts (referees stop contest when the fights are one-sided) including the gold-medal bout. Noted coach Jagdish Singh, founder of BBC, is someone who has guided her since Day 1. He was not too thrilled with her performance in the final but was satisfied by her overall output.

11 medals

Jaismine Lamboria (57kg) and Nupur (80+kg) also won a gold each as India ended the campaign with three gold, five silver and three bronze medals.

"She has improved quite a lot. Her left jab is her strength and uses it effectively. She did very well against the English and Brazilian boxers in the preliminary rounds. In the semis, she was up against a hard-hitting boxer from Uzbekistan and she did really well. I had suggested that she operate from long distance and she did really well," Jagdish, who has had a hand in producing many champion pugilists including Vijender, told this daily.

When results were not going in her favour not so long ago, Jagdish had asked her to introspect and retain faith in her abilities. "She is very honest and never makes any excuses. I wanted her to improve the psychological aspect of the game. I have always had faith in her and would tell her, 'you're the best.' She can do even better. I was telling her the other day, 'you're using just 60 per cent of your talent.' She can do even better. I make her spar with the boys when she comes here and she crushes them quite often. The boys are afraid to go up against her." Sakshi, who is in the Indian Army, is now in the position of strength and one of the favourites to be one of the contenders during the World Championships in England later this year. Sakshi will be a part of the evaluation process soon during the national camp. Jagdish wants his ward to keep pushing.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Sakshi Chaudhary (3 R) with the coaches and support staff on Sunday | BFI

Real Madrid's Kylian Mbappe pays tribute to Liverpool forward Diogo Jota, who passed away recently, after scoring on Saturday | AP

Real edge Dortmund 3-2, set up semifinal clash with PSG in CWC

AGENCIES @ East Rutherford

KYLIAN Mbappe's spectacular bicycle kick was among three goals in second-half stoppage time, and Real Madrid beat Borussia Dortmund 3-2 in a Club World Cup quarterfinal match as goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois used his fingertips to palm away the potential tying goal on the game's final play. Gonzalo Garcia and Fran Garcia scored in the first 20 minutes as Madrid built a 2-0 lead on Saturday.

Dortmund's Maximilian Beier scored three minutes into stoppage time and Mbappe, who entered in the 67th, restored a two-goal lead with his bicycle kick one minute later.

Serhou Guirassy converted a penalty kick in the eighth minute of added time after he was fouled by Dean Huijsen, who received a red card and will miss the semifinals. Courtois used all of the lengthy arm on his 6-foot-7 frame to tip away Marcel Sabitzer's shot just before the final whistle.

Madrid advanced to a semifinal match against Champions League winner Paris Saint-Germain on Wednesday, a day after Chelsea meet Brazilian club Fluminense.

Gonzalo Garcia scored in the 10th minute and Fran Garc'a in the 20th. Gonzalo, a 21-year-old who made only five Spanish league appearances in the past two seasons, was given the start by new Real Madrid coach Xabi Alonso over Mbappe, still regaining fitness after acute gastroenteritis. Gonzalo has four goals, tying Benfica's Angel Di Maria and Al Hilal's Marcos Leonardo for the tournament lead. Mbappe came on for Jude Bellingham, who missed a chance to play against his brother Jobe, who was suspended for yellow-card accumulation.

Dembele shines

Nine-man Paris Saint-Germain set up a Club World Cup semifinal clash against their former superstar striker Kylian Mbappe and Real Madrid with a 2-0 victory over Bayern Munich on Saturday in Atlanta.

Young forward Desire Doue, and Ballon d'Or candidate Ousmane Dembele got the goals in the second half. Vincent Kompany-led- Bayern had two strikes ruled out for offside.

Emotional Norris wins British GP

AGENCIES @ Silverstone

AN emotional Lando Norris boosted his world title bid in memorable fashion on Sunday when he drove to a commanding rain-splashed victory ahead of McLaren team-mate Oscar Piastri in a chaotic British Grand Prix.

The 25-year-old Briton made the most of series leader Piastri's mid-race misfortune, when he was given a 10-second penalty for slowing excessively while leading behind the safety car, to finish 6.8112 seconds clear.

It was his first home win, his fourth win of the year and the eighth of his career, lifting him within eight points of the Australian. "Thank you, McLaren, thanks everyone," said Norris. "This is beautiful. Winning at home. This is a dream."

Nico Hulkenberg finished a stirring third for Sauber to claim the first podium appearance of his long career after 239 races. "It feels good," the veteran German said. "A long time coming! But we had it in us and I had it in me somewhere. It's pretty surreal. All a bit crazy now." Piastri was careful not to express his disappointment at the time penalty verdict. "I want to congratulate Nico," he said. "That's the best story of the day - but I don't want to say much else to avoid getting into trouble."

(From left) Oscar Piastri, Lando Norris and Nico Hulkenberg on Sunday | AFP

Norris became the 13th different home winner of the British race. Lewis Hamilton took fourth for Ferrari ahead of Red Bull's four-time champion Max Verstappen.

In an epic event run in extreme and changeable weather conditions, Pierre Gasly was sixth for Alpine, ahead of Aston Martin's Lance Stroll, Williams' Alex Albon, two-time champion Fernando Alonso in the second Aston Martin and Mercedes' George Russell.

On a cool and wet summer's day in central England, the race began as the sun slanted through the clouds following torrential rain, Verstappen leading a controlled formation lap behind the safety car.

EXPRESS READ

Kenyan Kipyegon sets 1,500m world record

EUGENE(US): Kenyan Faith Kipyegon set a world record in the 1,500 meters at the Prefontaine Classic, finishing in 3 minutes, 48.68 seconds. Kipyegon, a three-time Olympic champion in the event, bested her own record of 3:49.04 in the event, set last July before the Paris Games. Kipyegon, 31, sprinted alone down the stretch at Hayward Field cheered by the crowd on Saturday.

Grand Chess: Magnus triumphs, Gukesh 3rd

ZAGREB: World No 1 Magnus Carlsen yet again proved he is the best in the world as he won the Super United Rapid and blitz chess tournament with a round to spare while reigning world champion D Gukesh finished third in the standings. Carlsen ended the event with 22.5 points, 2.5 points ahead of American Wesley So who finished second while Gukesh eventually came third with 19.5.

Muller bids farewell to Bayern after CWC loss

ATLANTA(US): After the final whistle to his Club World Cup, Thomas Muller waved to the Bayern Munich fans one last time. His quarter-century with the German club is over. The 35-year-old Muller went out with a 2-0 loss to Paris Saint-Germain in the quarterfinals on Saturday, a bittersweet ending to a tenure filled with so much glory. Muller came on as a substitute in the 80th minute.

WIMBLEDON

Top gun Sabalenka defeats Mertens to enter quarterfinals

AGENCIES @ London

WORLD number one Aryna Sabalenka marched into the Wimbledon quarter-finals without dropping a set as Elise Mertens fell short of upsetting the US Open champion on Sunday.

Sabalenka has never reached a final at the All England Club but is the player to beat as the only one of the top six seeds in the women's draw still standing.

The 27-year-old missed last year's Wimbledon due to injury and was banned in 2022 as part of a blanket suspension on Russian and Belarusian athletes due to the invasion of Ukraine.

Sabalenka looks determined to make up for lost time and, just like in her third-round victory over Emma Raducanu, had to overcome a tough test from Mertens to progress 6-4, 7-6 (7/4).

A fast start from Sabalenka saw her stretch out to a 4-1 first set lead, only for Mertens to battle back and level at 4-4.

The three-time Grand Slam winner responded in style, winning eight of the next 11 points, to take the set.

Mertens got the early break in the second, but could not hold on against an opponent she has now lost to in their last 10 meetings.

Sabalenka broke back to tie up the second set at 3-3 and after six straight holds of serve, the match was decided in a tie-break.

Aryna Sabalenka reacts during her tie against Elise Mertens on Sunday | AFP

Earlier, U.S. Open runner-up Taylor Fritz moved into the men's quarterfinals for the third time in four years, advancing when his injured opponent, Jordan Thompson, quit while trailing 6-1, 3-0 after 41 minutes, due to injury.

Results: Men's singles (rd 4): K Khachanov bt K Majchrzak 6-4, 6-2, 6-3, T Fritz bt J Thompson 6-3, 3-0 (W/O); **Women's singles (rd 4):** A Sabalenka **bt** E Mertens 6-4, 7-6(7), A Pavlyuchenkova **bt** S Kartal 7-6(7), 6-4, men's doubles (rd 3): Hijikita/Pel **bt** Putz/Krawietz 6-2, 6-4, Arevalo/Pavic 7-5, 7-6 (15); **Select fixtures on Monday: Men's singles (rd 4):** J Sinner vs G Dimitrov, A de Minaur vs N Djokovic; **Women's singles (rd 4)** I Swiatek vs C Tauson, M Andreeva vs E Navarro; men's doubles (rd 4) Bhambri/Galloway vs Granollers/Zeballos.

Research & innovation

Performance parameter

Total number of **start-ups** incubated till date **62**

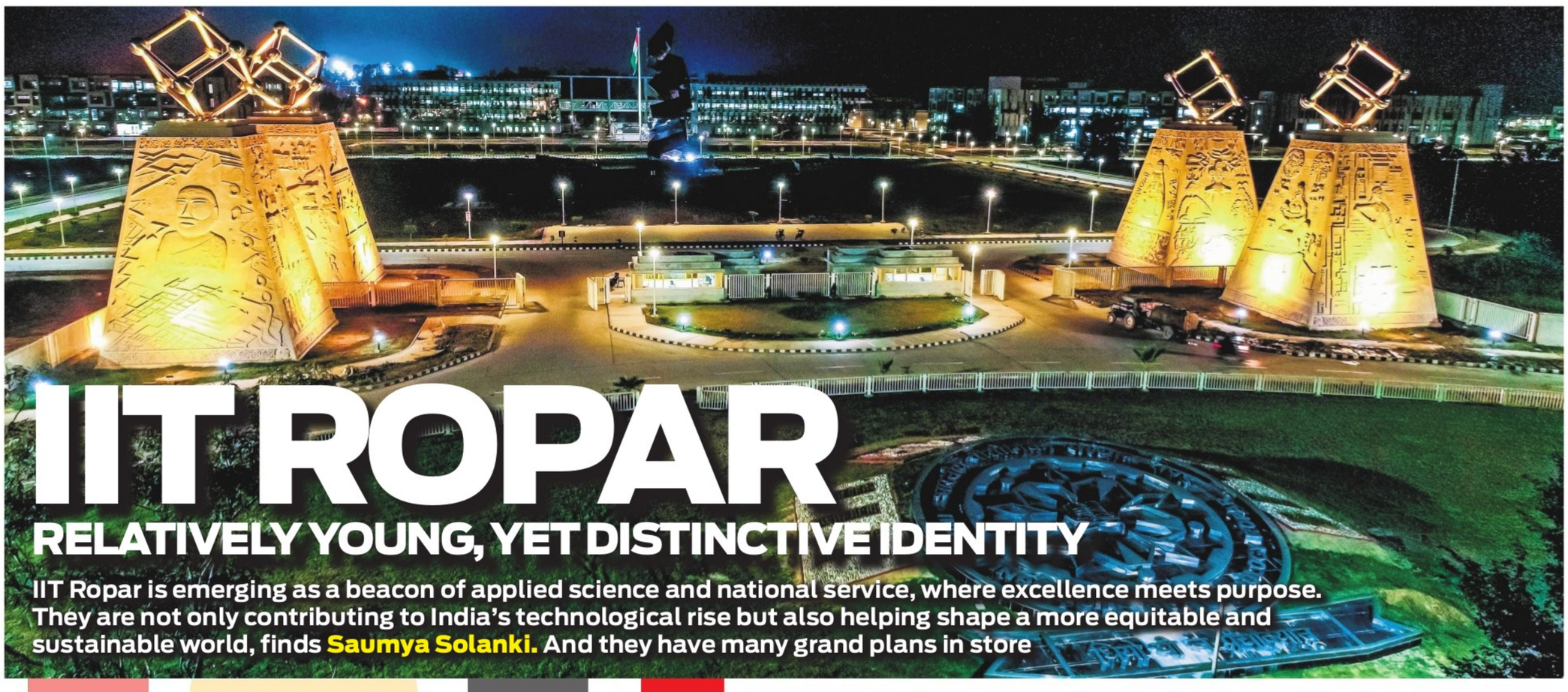
Total active **start-ups** **39**

TYPES OF START-UPS INCUBATED
Early stage, pre-revenue stage, revenue stage

Average graduation duration time
2-3 years

Start-ups that received external funding till date **14**

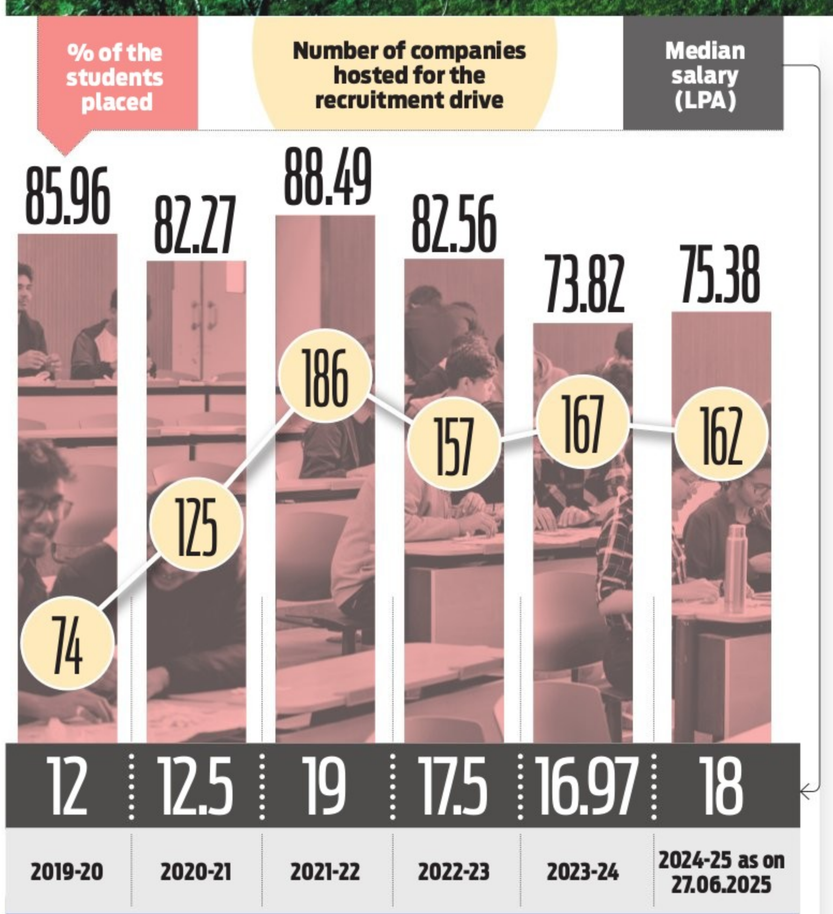
TBIF supported till date **37**



IIT ROPAR

RELATIVELY YOUNG, YET DISTINCTIVE IDENTITY

IIT Ropar is emerging as a beacon of applied science and national service, where excellence meets purpose. They are not only contributing to India's technological rise but also helping shape a more equitable and sustainable world, finds Saumya Solanki. And they have many grand plans in store



65.75 LPA Highest CTC 2024-25

23.90 LPA Average CTC 2024-25

18 LPA Median CTC 2024-25

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Lalit Verma
- Computer Science | Batch of 2015
- Co-CTO, Zomato

Dr Divya Mahajan
- Batch of 2012
- Assistant Professor, Georgia Institute of Technology

Parminder Bhatia
- Computer Science | Batch of 2012
- Chief AI Officer, GE HealthCare

Amandeep Kamboj
- Computer Science | Batch of 2012
- Co-founder & CTO, Just Baat AI

Dr Muddasani Satyanarayana
- Batch of 2024 | PhD
- Co-founder & CTO, Vanix Technologies

"We are emerging as a beacon of applied science & national service"

IIT Ropar Director Professor Rajeev Ahuja explains how an inspiring ambience, cutting-edge technology, and a blend of extracurricular activities make the student's journey truly transformative

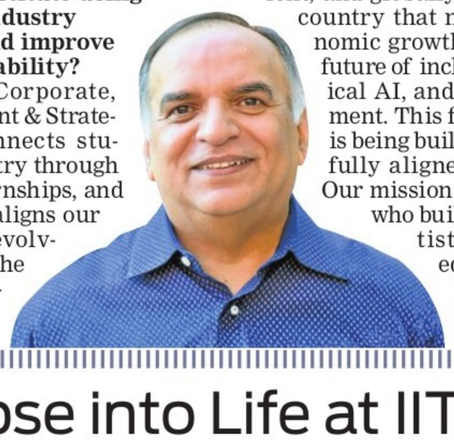
What are the unique strengths or focus areas that set IIT Ropar apart?
IIT Ropar, while relatively young, has built a distinctive identity through its commitment to translational research, societal impact, and cross-sectoral innovation.

Unlike conventional models, its academic framework is rooted in the Tyler-Taba rationale, intertwining rigorous fundamentals with real-world relevance. The institute fosters creativity through labs that encourage students to design their own experiments and capstone projects that address community challenges.

What is the institute doing to strengthen industry partnerships and improve student employability?
Our Office of Corporate, Alumni, Placement & Strategies (CAPS) connects students with industry through placements, internships, and engagements. It aligns our strengths with evolving job markets. The Career Development and Placement Cell (CDPC) supports holistic development through workshops in technical skills, resume building, and domain-specific training.

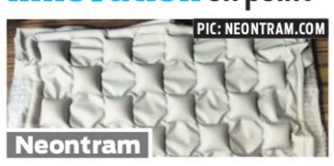
How is IIT Ropar supporting the holistic development of students beyond academics?
Our Snehitha Well-Being Cell serves as a dedicated support system offering mental health counselling, emotional wellness sessions, peer mentorship, and a 24x7 helpline. With a warm, student-friendly interface (accessible via snehita-well-being.vercel.app), students can easily access confidential support or sign up for well-being workshops, yoga, and group counselling.

Where do you see India in 2050, and what role do you see IIT Ropar playing towards it?
By 2050, I envision India as a technologically sovereign, environmentally resilient, and globally influential nation, a country that not only leads in economic growth but also defines the future of inclusive innovation, ethical AI, and sustainable development. This future is not distant, it is being built now, and IIT Ropar is fully aligned with that journey. Our mission is to create engineers who build, not just code; scientists who apply knowledge, not just generate it; and innovators who solve at scale.



START-UPS

Innovation on point



It aims to develop a low-cost neonatal bed for NICUs, addressing the risk of pressure ulcers (PUs) in preterm and low-birth-weight infants. Using soft-robotic actuation, their innovative mattress design reduces PUs, improves neonatal care, and eases the burden on nursing staff.

Huskage Innovations

They are developing a carbon-neutral network of green hydrogen production and dispensing stations through biomass gasification with applications in powering drones.

Nanokriti

Nanokriti developed a nano bubble generator to be used in the sectors of wastewater treatment, drip irrigation and agriculture, aquaculture and fishery, pond and river restoration, gas and oil sectors, sterilisation, and beyond.

Jyoma Solutions

Jyoma Technologies is developing a gyro chassis for a T-90 tank gun using MEMS gyros for real-time stabilisation that will enhance T-90 tank gun precision. Faster, adaptable, and reliable, it outperforms traditional systems, delivering accuracy in dynamic and extreme combat conditions.

STUDENTS' VOICES

HARJAS KAUR,
General Secretary-Sports, BTech Electrical Engineering

The best part of studying at IIT Ropar has been finding my way back to sports. I had left behind karate, a big part of my childhood, for JEE and never expected to return to athletics in college. But over four years, sprinting the 100m, 200m, and 400m has become a huge part of my journey. I look forward to the Inter-IIT Sports Meet, with its top-notch facilities.

SOUMIT DUTTA,
Research Secretary, Student Executive Council; Department of Chemistry, PhD Scholar

IIT Ropar offers a vibrant research ecosystem and a close-knit community that fosters collaboration across disciplines. With world-class facilities and supportive faculty, we get the freedom to explore innovative ideas. Beyond academics, the cultural and technical events create a perfect balance.

XSHITIZ CHAHAL,
Civil Engineering
President, Student Council

The kind of exposure you get at IIT Ropar is the best part. There are many opportunities to connect with professionals from different fields, which helps in understanding things beyond books. Taking part in fests and events also teaches time management. More than just academics, life here shapes your personality in a way that truly prepares you for the world outside.

LAKSHAY,
Third-year, BTech CSE

It's not just academics at IIT Ropar — it's an abode for a million dreams. The professors, staff members, and the entire student community come together as a family. Beyond academics, nature here is at its finest. Equally enriching is the club culture, which provides students with a platform to explore their interests.

Iconic events & traditions

The heartbeat of IIT Ropar's student life echoes through its iconic festivals and signature traditions — celebrations that blend creativity, intellect, and passion. These annual student-led events are more than just dates on a calendar — they're defining moments that shape campus culture and community

- **ZEITGEIST: The Cultural Carnival**
Deemed the biggest cultural fest in Punjab-Haryana, Zeitgeist is a three-day spectacle of energy and expression. With over 60 thrilling events — from singing, dancing and fashion shows, to poetry slams, rap battles, and graffiti walls — Zeitgeist turns the campus into a hub of vibrant creativity. The stage has seen the likes of Vishal-Shekhar, Diljit Dosanjh, and Akhil Sachdeva.

- **AAROHAN: The Sports Saga**
Aarohan is the flagship sports festival of IIT Ropar. With ecricket, basketball, arm wrestling, athletics, volleyball, tennis, and even paintball, it attracts student athletes across disciplines. With appearances by icons like Sandeep Singh and Surender Nada, Aarohan celebrates strength, spirit, and the glory of sportsmanship.

- **ADVITIYA: The Tech & Innovation Fest**
In just six years, Advitiya has become a beacon of technological enthusiasm. From humanoids and robo-wars to AI, ML, and 3D design, this fest redefines futuristic exploration. Star-studded speaker sessions by legends like Dr Radhakrishnan (former ISRO Chairman) and Ashneer Grover lend real-world insights to the fest.

- **REVANCHE: Gamers' Arena**
Hosted by the Esportz Club, Revanche brings together gamers for battles in Valorant, FIFA, mobile games, and treasure hunts. It's a dynamic stage for strategic combat, sharp reflexes, and unforgettable camaraderie.

- **MALHAR: The Literary Soul**
This fest celebrates expression through poetry, debates, book fairs, open mics, and soulful mehfils. Hosted by the Board of Literary Affairs, it embraces creativity, intellect, and emotion. The Book Fair and author sessions are the highlight, while evenings filled with theatre and classical music leave a lasting emotional resonance.

- **CORPORATE CONNECT: Bridge to the Future**
A three-day conclave uniting academia and industry, it fosters dialogue between students, faculty, & professionals. With inspiring talks from leaders at Google India, Qualcomm, and BCG, it empowers students to explore entrepreneurship.

What's Fun on Campus? — A Glimpse into Life at IIT Ropar

Best time to be on campus

Winters: The entire campus gets gently wrapped in fog, turning every morning walk or evening stroll into a serene, dreamlike experience. The chill in the air, paired with the peaceful atmosphere, makes it the most delightful time to be on campus.

Most awesome informal tradition

Everyone knows everyone: At IIT Ropar, it doesn't matter if you're a BTech student, a PhD scholar, or a professor — you'll likely know everyone on campus. It's this close-knit community vibe that makes the IIT Ropar experience truly warm and personal.

Typical IIT Ropar lingo

- Disco: Disciplinary Action
- Fakka: Backlog
- Fachhe: Freshers

Best dish in the canteen

Chole Bhature with Cafeteria Juice: Served during the weekends — usually on Saturdays or Sundays — this combo is loved for its flavours, perfect spice blend, and that refreshing glass of juice from the cafeteria. Nutritious, comforting, and an absolute crowd-pleaser.

Best hangout spot

The Rose Garden: Surrounded by blooming flowers and natural beauty, it's the go-to spot for students between lectures. Whether it's chatting with friends, reading a book, or just enjoying the quiet, this garden offers the perfect escape.

Most Instagram-worthy spot

The Spiral: A visual icon of the campus — no student graduates without clicking at least one picture with the Spiral. It's a rite of passage.

Most competitive societies

Coding Club & Debating Society (DebSoc): Whether it's cracking algorithms or delivering powerful speeches, these two societies are known for their consistency, energy, and excellence. If there's a competition, chances are you'll find someone from these clubs acing it.

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DAY'S DIARY

Youngest new star

On this day in 1985, West Germany's 17-year-old Boris Becker became the youngest winner of a Grand Slam tournament (singles)

FIRST OF THE MANY

Becker is also the first German to win the title, and the first unseeded player. He took three hours and 18 minutes to overpower eighth-seeded Kevin Curren, a South-Africa-born American

AN ICON

"This is going to change tennis in Germany," he said after the match. "I am the first Wimbledon winner and now they have an idol," he added

CLOSURE

He won 80.3 per cent of his major singles matches, ranking among the ten best in history. Becker's lengthy career came to a close in 1998

Celebrating World Chocolate Day

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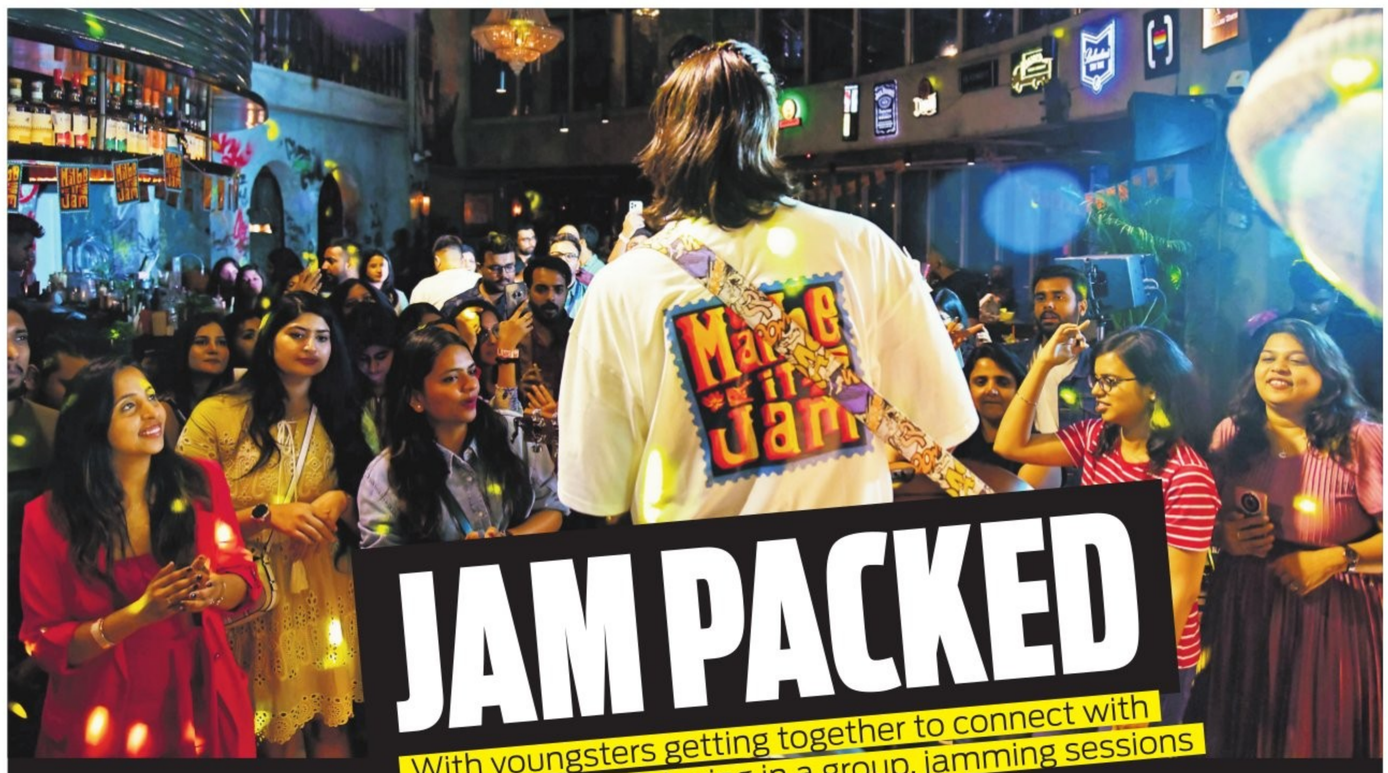

JAM PACKED

With youngsters getting together to connect with strangers through singing in a group, jamming sessions are getting popular in the city

MAHIMA NAGARAJU

WITH a burgeoning population of young people from across the country making their way to the city, Bengaluru has come more alive with diverse communities formed, yearning for connection. From boardgame sessions and reading meet-ups to vinyl listening sessions – you name it, Bengaluru has a club or community for it.

A latest addition are jam sessions, which are thriving with several different communities popping up in the last year. "We started in 2023 when there were only a few jamming communities. In the last one and a half years, it has become quite big – almost every week, there's a new jamming event popping up," notes Giridhar Rai, founder of Bajabies, a jamming community, adding, "I've also seen a lot of cafes organising them because it increases footfall."

A typical jam session involves a couple of musicians starting a song, with the rest of the crowd joining in spirited singing, like one big game of unstructured Antakshari. As Elvin Ady, one of the co-founders of Mic n' Mehfil, explains, the appeal seems to be the jam sessions' free-flowing format and inclusivity, regardless of musical abilities. "To be honest, I am a horrible singer, but jam sessions are not just for people who sing but also for those who listen. It's about giving people a space to sing without any judgment."

But what makes it different from an intimate concert or open mic? Anushka Modi, the co-founder of Maybe It's A Jam, shares, "The engagement is much more than a usual band or concert, we make them feel like performers." These sessions and their warm environment have also helped people shed their inhibitions, notes Mamta Nayak, a frequent attendee, saying, "The energy is such that you automatically start to sing, even shy people go up on stage and join in."

We have seen multiple groups [of strangers] getting formed by hanging out together. I love that they've become a kind of family. Many have formed bands out of our sessions because their vibes just matched

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Giridhar Rai, founder of Bajabies

Attendees vibing at the jam sessions organised by Maybe It's A Jam (above) and Mic n' Mehfil

Keeping in mind the diverse abilities and musical knowledge of their audiences, the playlist keeps changing. While the retro Bollywood or Bollywood hits from the 2000s and 2010s are popular choices, some have taken an offbeat route, organising Bhojpuri or Punjabi sessions too. According to Modi, Sufi music is quite popular even among young adults. "The playlist we curate is impromptu and done with the view to encourage singing. So if someone starts singing DK Bose, we will just pick it up and sing together. The engagement is much more than a normal band or concert; we make them feel like they are all the performers," she adds.

Despite the bend towards single youth, families and older people too are spotted at these events. "One group consists of young people between 20 and 25 who love music and want to perform, while another is people in their 50s or retirees who come for events to listen to old Hindi songs, sing along and dance together," notes Ady.

Organisers note that while college-goers and young professionals make up most of the crooners, these sessions are particularly popular among those who have recently moved to the city. "Many who have just landed in the city recently and don't know a lot of people are just going out to find people who share their love for music, and to seek a different experience from going out to bars or restaurants," says Rai.

While not catering only to professional musicians, these events draw a lot of them in, with Modi noting that some bands have been born from these sessions. "We have seen multiple groups [of strangers] getting formed by just hanging together. I love that they've become a kind of family. Many have formed bands out of our sessions because their vibes just matched," she says.

'Watching today's players succeed makes it all the more meaningful'

DARSHITA JAIN

Years ago, an ACL tear was almost a career-ending injury for Pullela Gopichand – Chief National Coach of the Indian badminton team and mentee of badminton icon Prakash Padukone – who reflects on his journey with *CE*

PIC: VINAY MADAPU

AMID the excitement at the launch of a wellness space recently, *CE* catches up with Pullela Gopichand, Chief National Coach of the Indian badminton team and mentee of badminton icon Prakash Padukone. The 51-year-old reflects on his journey, milestones, wellness habits, and the evolution of Indian sport. **Excerpts:**

How has the conversation around fitness and recovery shifted over the last decade in India?
It's evolved tremendously. A decade ago, recovery was barely talked about. Today, it's a key pillar of high performance. Government initiatives and greater awareness have pushed athletes and even non-athletes to focus on sleep, nutrition, oxygenation, and mental well-being. CEOs, entrepreneurs, and homemakers are now embracing wellness practices that were once reserved for elite athletes.

You've mentored champions. What's been your proudest moment as a coach?
Every milestone has felt special – from winning a district or state title to coaching athletes who brought home Olympic and World Championship medals. Each time we break new ground – whether it's the Thomas Cup, Badminton Asia Championships – it feels deeply rewarding.

As a player, what were your biggest challenges; physically or emotionally?
There were many. I underwent four knee surgeries. Thirty years ago, an ACL tear was almost a career-ending injury, but I was lucky to have great doctors. Cartilage and meniscus issues followed. Physically, it was painful; emotionally, it was exhausting. But overcoming those hurdles made the journey worthwhile. Watching today's players succeed makes it all the more meaningful.

How has training for Indian athletes changed compared to your playing days?
The basics of hard training remain the same. But today, recovery, nutrition, physiotherapy, and sports science are far more integrated. Athletes now understand that it's not just about the hours on court, it's about how you recover, fuel your body, and maintain mental wellness.

Winning the All England Championship in 2001 was a historic moment. What stands out most from that experience?
The entire journey was magical. The All England has a legacy that every badminton player dreams of. Standing on that podium, in an arena where the legends played, was surreal. It was the fulfilment of a childhood dream and remains one of the most cherished memories of my life.

Off court, how do you relax? Any wellness habits you swear by?
I meditate regularly and practise Yoga Nidra. Long walks are my go-to. On off days, I prefer being at home, resting and catching up on sleep. Recently, I've been reading a book on Adi Shankaracharya, which I found truly inspiring.

INTERVIEW

Was the transition from player to coach difficult?
Not really. Coaching feels like an extension of playing. I still show up every day in T-shirt and shorts, spending my life on the court, 30 years on. It's a privilege I cherish deeply.

You often speak about spirituality and mental strength. How do they influence your coaching and life?
For me, there's no difference between who I am personally and who I am spiritually. If your heart is pure, your mind clear, and your thoughts honest, it enhances not just your performance but also how you handle failure, success, and life itself.

CITY READ

Experts discuss strengthening of India's preparedness for emerging bio threats

The Centre for National Security Studies (CNSS) held a meeting at Ramaiah Medical College, Mathikere, on emerging bio threats, virology, public health, preparedness and biosecurity. The day featured simulation exercises focusing on scenarios – gain of function research in hostile regions, engineered outbreaks of the Nipah virus, and national-scale public panic. Dr Shalini Nooyi, Principal & Dean, Ramaiah Medical College; Major General Prasad, Director-CNSS; Dr Michael Friedman, Lead, Public Health Response at ACHS-NUS; Dr Nanda Kumar, Associate Dean, Research, Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences were present.

Dancer-actor Rukmini Vijayakumar, who was recently conferred the Kumar Gandharva Award by the Madhya Pradesh government, believes in sticking to traditional forms, rather than attempting any form of fusion

Tradition without a twist

ANJALI RAM

PIC: SUNNY JAGESAR

WHEN the world constantly rushes, chasing new things, traditional art forms often quietly ask us to pause, slow down and feel the moment. For dancer-actor **Rukmini Vijayakumar**, Bharatanatyam has been that space for a long time, always evolving yet rooted.

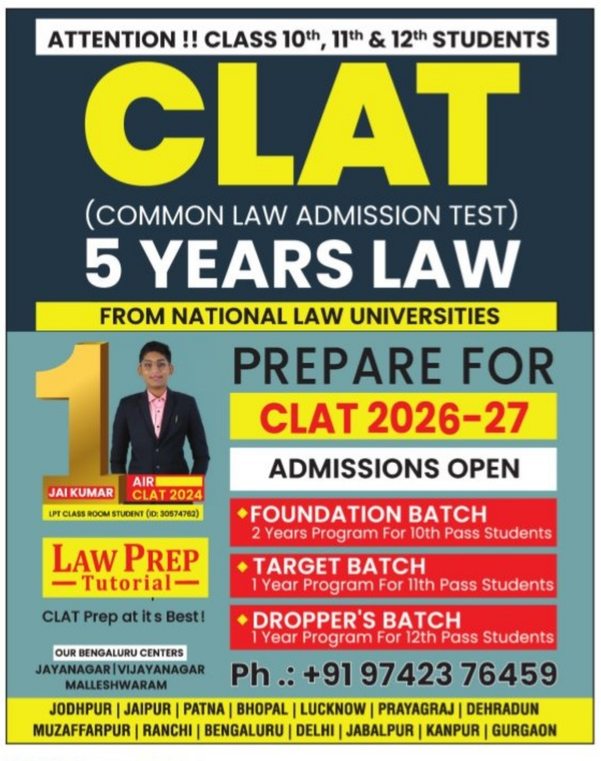
Recently honoured with the Kumar Gandharva award, a national recognition from the Department of Culture of Madhya Pradesh, she sees it as a recognition that comes as a moment of reflection. "Any recognition for an artiste is validating," she says, adding, "Arts is often sidelined in more ways than one. And sometimes, we wonder what is the true relevance? Because art is a product of comfort, it comes after many other things. So, with recognition, it feels like we're doing something right and should keep going," she says.

Vijayakumar's work, though often seen as contemporary or experimental in presentation, remains grounded in the Bharatanatyam tradition. "I don't fuse my work with other forms. I don't do what we term 'fusion'. I strive to become better within the tradition," she notes.

Having started at the age of five, she continues to study Carnatic music, rhythm, and spiritual context, while keeping classical items central to her works. "I don't stop performing Varnams or Jatisvarams or Tillanas. They're a part of my performance vocabulary. I still make new work while revering the tradition," explains Vijayakumar, who lost her teachers very young. "I've been by myself ever since, so I was searching for opportunities," she says. "My style wasn't meant to be different; I was just trying to understand the form," she adds.

Besides the hats of a classical dancer and choreographer, Vijayakumar gets candid about her recently-debuted standup comedy show, *The Dancer and the Bag*. "It's a normal standup show. It's just that I use my life as a dancer. Comedy is scary for me…but it was more about trying to do something to challenge me," she laughs, reflecting on her show that draws humour from her own life.

About the future of classical dance, she says: "It is evolving. We can't control it. That's just how it is." And to young dancers, her advice is rooted in experience: "Practice, practice, practice. Keep learning. Just think of the art in you," she concludes.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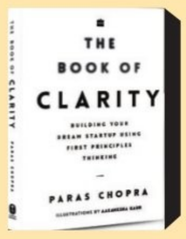
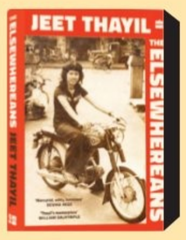


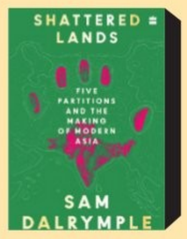
The Book of Clarity
by Paras Chopra

A clear-eyed, deeply practical roadmap for founders navigating the chaos of entrepreneurship – *The Book of Clarity* distills hard-earned lessons, mental models, and first-principles thinking from Chopra's entrepreneurial journey.



The Elsewhereans
by Jeet Thayil

A genre-defying novel that melds fiction, travelogue, memoir, a ghost story, a family saga, photographs and much else into a tale that unfolds across continents and decades.



Shattered Lands
by Sam Dalrymple

It presents the whole story of how the Indian Empire was unmade. How a single, sprawling dominion became twelve modern nations. How maps were redrawn in boardrooms and on battlefields, by politicians in London and revolutionaries in Delhi, by kings in remote palaces and soldiers in trenches.

Goddess Complex
by Sanjena Sathian

Coming at a moment when GirlBosses have transformed into self-care influencers and mommygurus; *Goddess Complex* is a darkly comic psychological thriller that explores conception, parenthood, and the burden of societal expectations.

IN FRAME

Visitors take a look at works on display at Hues In Harmony 2.0, a watercolour painting exhibition at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath| **SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA**

QUICKFIX

WATERMELON MILKSHAKE

INGREDIENTS

- **Watermelon:** 1.5 cups (finely diced)
- **White sugar:** 2 tsp
- **Ice:** optional (put it if you want it to be cold)
- **Milk:** 2.5 cups
- **Vanilla ice cream:** optional

METHOD

- In a blender, add the watermelon and milk.
- Add the sugar and blend it until smooth.
- Taste it. If it is too thick, then add the vanilla extract.
- Pour it into a glass. Add ice if you want the shake to be chilled.

Contributed by **Gagan Ghosh**, New Delhi

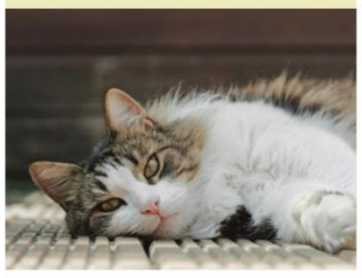
ASK AN XPERT

DR VIVEK ARORA

The expert is a senior veterinarian, Dr Gandhi's Pet Clinic, Delhi.

My 7-year-old cat has been acting lazy for the past week. Usually, she loves playing and running around my home. Is that a cause for concern? What might be the reasons?

If your normally energetic seven-year-old cat has been unusually lazy for the past week, it might indicate an underlying problem. Causes could include illness, pain, infections, dental issues, or stress. Changes in her diet, environment, or daily routine can also impact her energy. Keep an eye out for other signs like loss of appetite, changes in litter box habits, or increased vocalisation. If she remains lethargic or shows any other symptoms, it's important to visit a veterinarian soon. Early diagnosis and treatment are crucial to help her recover and return to her playful nature.



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ARDHA HANUMANASANA PREP
(HALF SPLITS POSE PREP)

This is a kneeling-balance pose that can be challenging at first. This beginner-level practice can be introduced first to find a better balance with flexibility. This is not just a step towards a Hanumanasana (Splits Pose), it is a journey of self-discovery and personal growth. The preparatory aspect of the pose teaches us the value of patience and incremental progress. Through consistent practice, along with lower body strength the hips and hamstrings flexibility can be increased. It is included in warm-up yoga for sportspeople. This practice demands focus and awareness to find balance and stability

STEPS

- Start in Kneeling Pose with the hands on the waist. Stand on your knees with shins resting on the floor and legs together, feet flat toes pointing back. Look in the front.
- Inhale, step your left foot forward, aligning it directly under your left knee. The left leg is forming a 90-degree angle. Exhale completely.
- Inhale, lift your chest, and elongate your spine, drawing your shoulders back and down.
- Exhale, gently straighten your front leg by walking your toes in front and extending as much as you can. Slowly lift the left toe off the ground and push the heel further in front, straightening the knee to its maximum. Keep your left foot flexed.
- Stand tall in the pose for about six breaths or as per the body's capacity. Continue to breathe deeply and relax into the stretch.
- To release, inhale, gently bend your left knee, and slowly bring your left foot back to the Kneeling Position.
- Then repeat the stretch on the right leg.
- Finally, release and relax in Child Pose.
- **Tips:** Students can take support by placing a blanket or pillow.

BENEFITS

- Strengthens the core, quadriceps, knee, and hip joints.
- Stretches the hamstrings and opens up the hip flexors, improving hip mobility and reducing hip discomfort.
- Stabilises the posture and brings mental peace and calm.
- Props like a blanket, chair or wall for support, balance and stability.
- Mind is controlled, and the flow of energy (prana) increases.
- Included in yoga for teens to promote mindfulness.
- Calms the mind while energising the body.
- Releases emotional tension and stagnant energy stores in the hips.
- Core finds a stable sense of balance and stability deep through the knees and legs.
- Impacts the reproductive system, particularly beneficial for women with infertility or PCOD.
- Blood circulation towards the hips, knees, feet, and ankles is improved.

LIMITATIONS

- Students with any injury or recent surgery, weak musculature or joints, general body weakness, arthritis, brittle bones, or lack body-breath connections, should avoid this.
- People with high BP or a history of heart ailments, depression, vertigo, epilepsy, migraine, nausea, or other physical discomfort or breathing issues should take it slow under guidance of a yoga teacher.
- Pregnant women, especially in the later stages, and seniors should take it slow with support for better balance and stability.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

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WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Electrify the Night

Chase away your Monday blues with electrifying music, dazzling lights, and a vibe that never quits. Step into a world of high-energy beats and chic cocktails.

WHEN: July 8, 8pm
WHERE: Ginza Club, Koramangala
CALL: 72472 22999

Savour sweet chocolate delicacies on World Chocolate Day with five items available at ITC Sunfeast Baked Creations. The menu features chocolate-focused offerings like trinity hazelnut & dark chocolate ganache pastry, chocolate loaded croissant, chocolate tres leches, brownie bites with salted caramel, and one savoury option – cheesy garlic pull-apart bagel.

WHEN: July 7, **WHERE:** All ITC Sunfeast Baked Creations outlets

Sunrise Surprise

Enjoy the breathtaking beauty of the Skandagiri Hills during sunrise through this guided trek meant for nature lovers and adventure seekers.

WHEN: July 9, 11pm
WHERE: Gopalan Arcade Mall, RR Nagar (departure)
DETAILS: district.in

Chess Frenzy

This event offers chess players across all all ages and skill levels an opportunity to show off their talents in a tournament while honing their skills and making valuable connections with other players **WHEN:** July 7, 5pm
WHERE: Ganga Vertica , Electronics City
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Theatrical Evening

Step into the world of *Ward No. 6*, and be confronted with questions of injustice, exploitation, corruption and cruelty through this timeless story by Anton Chekov. Witness powerful performances and gripping narrative that bring Chekhov's timeless classic to life in Kannada, translated by playwright DR Nagaraj.

WHEN: July 8, 7.30pm **WHERE:** Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Soulful Sounds

Immerse yourself in the enchanting world of Leela, a collection of soulful compositions performed on steel and nylon-stringed guitars put together by celebrated guitarist Sanjay Divecha. Listen to the musician perform live and be transported to another realm. **WHEN:** July 8, 7pm
WHERE: Bangalore International Centre, Domlur
DETAILS: bangaloreinternationalcentre.org

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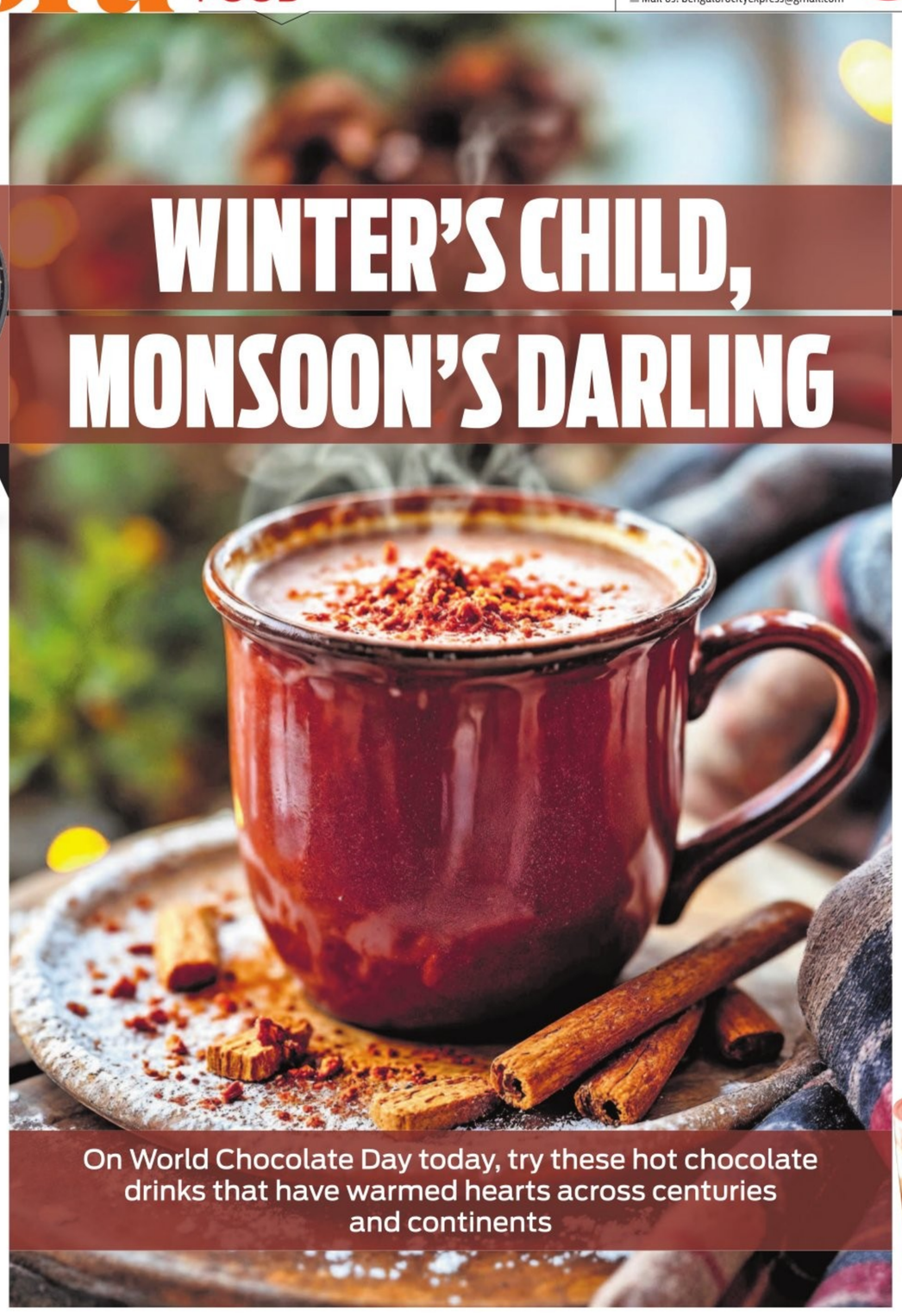
AWAY FROM HOME

Varad Bang's oil on linen works centre on human figures and their storytelling capacity drawn from pop culture

WINTER'S CHILD, MONSOON'S DARLING



On World Chocolate Day today, try these hot chocolate drinks that have warmed hearts across centuries and continents

Spiced orange hot chocolate

A warm, zesty twist on the classic drink

Ingredients

- Milk (or almond/oat mylk): 2 cups
- Chopped dark chocolate or hot chocolate mix: Half cup
- Orange zest: 1
- Cinnamon: Half a teaspoon
- Cayenne: A pinch
- Vanilla extract: 1 tsp
- Toppings: Whipped cream and orange zest

Method: Heat milk in a saucepan on medium heat. Add orange zest, cinnamon, and cayenne. Stir in the chocolate. Whisk until smooth and melted. Add vanilla. Strain if needed. Serve topped with whipped cream and extra zest.

Hot chocolate mug cake

A gooey single-serve dessert ready in minutes.

Ingredients

- Flour: 4 tbsp
- Sugar: 2 tbsp
- Hot chocolate mix: 2 tbsp
- Baking powder: 1/4 tsp
- Milk: 3 tbsp

Oil or melted butter: 2 tbsp

- Vanilla: 1/4 tsp

A few chocolate chips or a marshmallow (optional)

Method: In a microwave-safe mug, mix all dry ingredients. Add wet ingredients and stir until combined. Add chocolate chips/ marshmallows in the centre. Microwave for 1 to 1.5 minutes. Let it sit for a minute before eating.

Frozen hot chocolate

A chilled dessert drink that's rich and frothy.

Ingredients

- Hot chocolate mix: Half a cup
- Milk: 1 cup
- Ice: 2 cups
- Vanilla extract: 1/2 tsp
- Whipped cream and chocolate shavings (to top)

Method

Blend hot chocolate mix, milk, ice, and vanilla until smooth. Pour into glasses and top with whipped cream and chocolate shavings. Serve immediately with a straw.

Spiked hot chocolate

Ingredients

- Cocoa powder: 3 tbsp
- Milk: 2 cups
- Sugar: 3 tbsp
- Vanilla extract: ¼ tsp
- Cinnamon: 1 pinch
- Dark chocolate: ¼ cup
- Dark rum: ¼ cup (can be bourbon or peppermint schnapps)

Method

Place a saucepan over medium heat. Add the cocoa powder and ¼ cup of milk and whisk until the cocoa powder is integrated. Whisk in the remaining milk until smooth. Add the remaining ingredients and heat over medium heat until the chocolate melts. Do not boil. Stir in the alcohol. Serve immediately. Garnish with whipped cream or marshmallows.

French hot chocolate

Ingredients

- Whole milk: 1 ½ cups
- Heavy cream: ½ cup
- Powdered sugar: 2 tsp
- Espresso powder: ½ tsp
- Dark, bittersweet chocolate: 8 ounces (chopped)

Method
In a saucepan, whisk together whole milk, heavy cream, powdered sugar, and espresso powder over medium heat, until small bubbles appear around the edges. Do not allow the it to boil. Remove from the heat, add chopped chocolate, stir until it melts. Serve warm, topped with whipped cream.

Hot chocolate French toast

Ingredients

- Thick bread (brioche or challah): 4 slices
- Eggs: 2
- Milk: Half a cup
- Hot chocolate mix: Quarter of a cup
- Cinnamon: 1/2 tsp
- Butter (for frying)
- Powdered sugar, whipped cream, or syrup (to serve)

Method
Whisk eggs, milk, hot chocolate mix, and cinnamon in a bowl. Dip bread slices in the mix, soaking both sides. Fry in butter on medium heat until golden brown. Serve with toppings.

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CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Geetha M** Resident of No. 411, T. Horanalli, Ooty, Balacola, Thangadu Oranalli, The Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu-643003 hereby state that in my son Moushith Vinoth's school record my name is incorrectly spelt as **GEETHA VINOTH** instead of **GEETHA M** Vide affidavit dated 5-07-2025 before Notary Dharani.P, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RUDRANAMMA D** (Old Name) W/o **Manjunath H S**, aged about 49 years resident of # 9, 9th Cross, Near Maruthi School, Krishnanagar, JP Nagar 7th Phase, Bengaluru -560076, have changed my name to **RANI** (New Name) vide affidavit dated: 3/7/2025 Before Notary **A. Narayanaswamy** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, RAMANNA .M, S/o Mariyappa, aged about 45 years, R/at No.115, Chikkakodigehalli, Kodigehalli, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560091, do hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from **AKASH .R to TANVIK .R** henceforth I shall be known and called as **AKASH .R** to vide affidavit dated 05-07-2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **UDAY KARIYAPPA .B.G** at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **GARIMA SHARMA,** W/O. AMIT KUMAR SHARMA, Aged about 38 years, Residing at flat No. 301, 3rd Floor, Site No. 3,4,5,6, 3rd A Main Road, 2nd Cross, Balaji Layout, Vidyaranayapura Bengaluru 560097declare that my name is **GARIMA SHARMA**. But in ICSE SSLC Marks Card of my son **PAARTH SHARMA** was wrongly mentioned as **GARIMA A SHARMA** instead of **GARIMA SHARMA**. and I have declared this as per affidavit dated 03-07-2025 sworn to before Court of the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SHIVAKUMAR SWAMY S (New Name), Aged about 47 years, S/o. Donappa Shivalingappa, residing at No.54142, Prestige Falcon City, Building 5, Konanakunte Cross, Anjanadri Layout, Kanakarpura Road, Bangalore -560062, Karnataka India, that I have changed my name from Dr.S SHIVAKUMAR SWAMY SHIVALINGAPPA (Old Name) to SHIVAKUMAR SWAMY S (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as SHIVAKUMAR SWAMY S (New Name) only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated: 02/07/2025, before Notary MOHAMMED HUSSAIN K, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, NIDHI JAIN, aged about 27 years, W/o. Piyush Prakash Jain, Residing at No.66. 1A, Symbiosis Jainam Apartments, Ratna Vilas Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560 004, have changed my name from NIDHI BHANDARI to NIDHI JAIN vide affidavit dated: 04.07.2025 before advocate and notary Mamatha .N.K, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, DIKSHA KUMARI, aged about 29 Years, residing at Tower 5 05 17 04 Shriram Chirping Woods, Haralur Main Road, Haralur, PO HSR Layout, Bangalore South, Bengaluru - 560102, have changed my name from **Diksha Kumari** to **Diksha Bhargava,** vide affidavit dated 3/7/2025 sworn to before Smt.A.Manjula Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SURULEESWARAN** Residing at B-14, Alpine Park Apartments, Begur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru- 560068 have changed my minor son's name from **SURIYA GANAPATHY.S** to **SURIYA GANAPATHY SURULEESWARAN** vide affidavit dated 05-07-2025 before notary K.C.Shashikala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, ASHISH KUMAR SRIVASTAVA, R/at Flat No.J-101, Godrej ECity, Doddathogur Road, Electronic City Phase-1, Bengaluru 560100, declare that the name of father in CBSE records / certificates (CLASS-X) pertaining to my daughter VARSHA SRIVASTAVA vide Roll Number 18132045, has to be corrected / changed and recorded as **ASHISH KUMAR SRIVASTAVA** (correct name) instead of **ASHISH SRIVASTAVA** (incorrect name) vide Affidavit Dated: 04/07/2025, sworn before XXIX Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru City.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, **KISHORE KUMAR REDDY M S** and **JAYAPRIYA K,** R/at No. 202, Urban Melody Apartments, 22nd Main Road, Shamanna Garden, J.P. Nagar 5th Phase, Bengaluru-560 078 do hereby declare that we have changed my son's name from **NAMAN REDDY** to **NAMAN REDDY MADDIPI,** henceforth he shall be known and called as **NAMAN REDDY MADDIPI** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 4th July 2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **T.R. RAGHAVENDRA RAO** at Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Mr. Sunil SM father of SHUCHITA VAISHANVI S, aged about 12 years, currently residing at Flat No. 110, Subhashree Sai Krupa Apartment, Papaiah Reddy Layout, Munnekolalla, Bangalore 560037, declares that change of my daughters name from SHUCHITAA S GOWDA to SHUCHITA VAISHANVI S vide Affidavit dated 18-06-2024 before Advocate & Notary Anand Kumar J, Bengaluru

AFFIDAVIT
I **S.R Sudha Rani** aged about 73 years, W/o Kumara Swamy M.V, Residing at No.53, S.B. Road, V.V Puram, Bangalore - 560004, have changed my name. **SUDHA SWAMY TO S.R SUDHA RANI,** BEFORE ADVOCATE AND NOTARY BY **V.RANGARAJU.**

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **DINESHA. M.A** aged 46 years Father of Master **KUSHAL** (Child's old name) residing at No. 602, 6th Floor, B Block, Binny Mill Police Quarters, Tank Bund Road, Binny **mill,** Bengaluru 560023, the name of my child is recorded as **KUSHAL** (child's old name) That we have decided to change the name of my child from KUSHAL (child's old name) to **KUSHAL.D** (child's new name) That henceforth my child shall be known as **KUSHAL. D** (child's new name) for all the purposes, including academic & official records. That both names **KUSHAL** (child's old name) and **KUSHAL. D** (child's new name) refer to one and same person, my child. vide affidavit dated: 05.07.2025 sworn before **VI ADDL. CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE BENGALURU CITY.**

CHANGE OF NAME
I, HITESH SURESH JOSHI, S/o Suresh Joshi, Aged about 47 years, Residing at Flat No.204, H Block, Signature Classic, Sompura Gate, Sarjapura, Bangalore-562125, Karnataka have changed my Name from **HITESH JOSHI (Old Name),** to **HITESH SURESH JOSHI (New Name),** vide Affidavit dated: 04-07-2025, sworn before Advocate & Notary Public, Muniswamy. T, Anekal.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) MOHAMED ASLAM BASHA, residing at No.10E, 8th Street, Shivaji Nagar, H.K.P. Road, Bengaluru-560051, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) MOHAMED ASLAM BASHA** to **(NEW NAME) MOHAMED ASLAM** vide affidavit dated 21.06.2025 sworn before Notary S.I.Balaguru, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, 1. HUSNA TABASSUM, W/o Wajied Ahmed Sheikh, aged about 36 years, and **2. Wajied Ahmed Sheikh,** S/o Shafi Ahmed, aged about 48 years, both R/at No.22, 3rd B cross, maruti Layout, Near Shobha Moonstone Apartment, Hebbala Dasarahalli, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560024, do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name from **SIMRAN SHEIKH** to **SIMRAH FARZEEN** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SIMRAH FARZEEN** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 05.07.2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary, **M. RAJENDRA** at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SHAUN DSOUZA, R/at GM Infinite Silver Spring Field Daffodilis T4-1101, Hesaraghatta Main Road, Bangalore-560057, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHAUN STEPHEN DSOUZA** to **SHAUN DSOUZA** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SHAUN DSOUZA** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 26-06-2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **ONKARAPPA N.R** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Smt. K.V. KALPANA Wife of Sri. K. Venkatesha, aged about 62 Years, residing at No. 44, Sri Rama Nilaya, Meenakshi Temple Road, T.C. Palya, Bengaluru-560036, have changed my name from **KALPANA (Old Name) to K.V. KALPANA (new name) vide affidavit dated: 05.07.2025 before advocate and notary Deepa .M, Bengaluru.**

AFFIDAVIT
I, **VENKATAREDDY,** S/o Narasana Gowda, aged about 47 years, resident of # 133/1, 3rd Main Road, 3rd Cross, Vinayakanagar, Kamakshipalya, Near Raghavendra High School, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru-560 079, I state, **VENKATAREDDY** and **VENKATARAMAREDDY** .are one and the same person that is myself, and henceforward I shall be called as **VENKATAREDDY.** BEFORE ADVOCATE AND NOTARY BY **P.ANURADHA.**

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SREEDEVI MANOJ, W/O: Manoj Kumar P, #79, Nandanam, 6th Cross, Saraswathi Road, Manjunatha Layout, Munnekolala, Marathahalli, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560037, have changed my name from **SREEDEVI MANOJ KUMAR** to **SREEDEVI MANOJ,** vide affidavit dated 5/7/2025 sworn to before K.V.Jagannath Reddy Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SURESH R,** Ex Havildar 15770629F, Resident of No.19, Between 2nd and 5th Cross Road, Gutrunath Layout, Hurulichikanahalli Village, Chikabanavara Post, Bengaluru-560090, Do hereby solemnly affirm that I have changed my minor Daughter's name from **DISHITA** to **DISHITA.S.** Henceforth her name will be **DISHITA.S** in all her records and documents Vide affidavit dated 05.07.2025 sworn before Advocate and Notary, **H Sridhar Rao,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
We B. GEORGE and ROOPA SHEELA, residing at No. F-21, Manish Complex, No.10, Convent Road, Bengaluru-560025, have changed Our Minor Daughter's name from **MARY CLARICE GEORGE** to **MARY CLARICE** vide affidavit dated 05.07.2025 sworn before Notary Ravi Kumar.V Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, YASHITA .B (B Expand as Bysani), D/o Sri B.V. Sreenivas, aged about 23 years, R/at No.115, EWS 2nd Stage, 4th Cross, KHB Colony, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore-560079, do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **YASHITA** and **YASHITA .B** are one and the same and refers to me only, but my correct name is **YASHITA .B** only, vide affidavit dated 04-07-2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **L. VEENA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, Shantharaju S and Anju P residing at No. 8/2, 20th Cross, Bhuvaneshwari nagara, K P Agrahara, Magadi Road, Bengaluru-560023, have changed our minor daugher's name from **AISHA S to INCHARA S,** court application No. CRL. MISC. No. 199/2021, vide affidavit dated 03.07.2025, sworn before notary Deepa M, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PALEPU NAVEEN,** S/o. Srinivasa Rao .P, aged 26 years, residing at No. 53, 11th Cross, B. Rangappa Building, Rangappa Layout, Yamlur Main Road, Bengaluru-560037, Karnataka, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **NAVEEN P** to **PALEPU NAVEEN,** vide affidavit dated 05.07.2025, sworn to before K. Ramegowda, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, NITHIN.T.S (old name) S/o. Mr. SURENDRAN.T.V, Aadhar: 3862 4493 8117 date of Birth: 11-02-2007, residing at #1/4, 80 Feet Road, Maruthinagar, Chandralayout, VTC: Bangalore North, PO: Nagarbhavi, Sub District: Bangalore North, District : Bangalore, State: Karnataka, PIN Code: 560072, have changed my name from **NITHIN.T.S** to **NAVAMSH. S** vide affidavit dated 04.07.2025, sworn to before DEEPA.M, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru for all purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, GIRIJA.R. MURTHY, W/o late C.G.Ramamurthy, aged: major, R/at No.28, 1st Floor, 11 C Cross, Vyalikaval, Bangalore North, Bangalore - 560003, I declare that below mentioned both names **Girija R Murthy** and **Girijamma** both names refers to me only and one and the same persons name only., vide affidavit dated 5/7/2025 sworn to before M.Rajendra Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
We **KIRAN H K** and **SHREE RAKSHA N** both Residing at No.5, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Srinagar Bus Stop, Krishnappa Layout, Srinagar, Banashankari, Bengaluru - 560050 Hereby solemnly declare that we have changed our minor Son's name from **KEMPEGOWDA H K KIRAN** to **RESHVIN SHARVIL GOWDA** vide affidavit dated 10.06.2025 sworn before Notary **K V Mani,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
We D. MEERABAI DORA & K. SIDHARTH Residing at No. 13-206, GM Infinite Daffodils Jodi, Mallasandra, Bangalore-560057, have changed my Minor Daughter's name from **K.ADYASHA** to **K.AADYASHREE** vide affidavit dated 20.06.2025 sworn before Notary Onkarappa. N.R., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, RAMANNA .M, S/o Mariyappa, aged about 45 years, R/at No.115, Chikkakodigehalli, Kodigehalli, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560091, do hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from **ANKITH .R** to **TANVISH .R** henceforth I shall be known and called as **ANKITH .R** to vide affidavit dated 05-07-2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **UDAY KARIYAPPA .B.G** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SOWBAGYA S** W/o Kappanna S, R/o #220, 1st Main, 7th A Cross, Soundarya Layout, Sidedahalli Nagasandra Post, Bengaluru - 560073, have changed my name from **SOWBAGYA S** to **SOWBHAGYA S,** vide affidavit dated 05.07.2025, sworn before notary N. Mahesha, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **Bhuvana Saagarika V,** D/o. C K Vishwanath Reddy, Aged 18 years, Residing at No. 42, Water Tank, Chelakere, Bengaluru North, Kalyananagar, Bengaluru - 560 043, do hereby declare that, my mother's correct name is **"Usha T"**. I further state that, in all my educational record and other records, my mother's name has been erroneously entered as **"V. Usha"** instead of **"Usha T"**, where the initial **"T"** stands for my grandfather's name, **Thyagaraja Reddy. R.** I affirm that, **"V. Usha"** and **"Usha T"** refer to one and the same person, my mother whose correct name and full name is **"Usha T"**, D/o Thyagaraja Reddy, W/o Vishwantah Reddy as per records. Vide affidavit dated 5.7.2025 sworn to before Puttaramaiah, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, MAMTA, C/O: NEMA RAM, NO-146/3, Manjunatha Layout, Hemavathi Road, Munnekolala, Marathahalli, Bengaluru - 560037, have changed my name from **MAMTA NEMARAM** to **MAMTA,** vide affidavit dated 5/7/2025 sworn to before K.V.Jagannath Reddy Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **DINESHA.M.A,** Aged about 46 years, Son of ANNAJAPPA, Residing at No. 602, 6th Floor, B Block, Binny Mill Police quarters, Tank Bund Road, Binny Mill, Bengaluru-560023, my correct name spelling with initial is **DINESHA .M.A** and in my son's educational records wrongly entered as **DINESH,** for future correspondences of my son and his education, father name to be corrected as **DINESHA. M.A** in place of **DINESH.** vide affidavit dated: 05.07.2025 sworn before **XXXVIII ADDL. CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE BENGALURU CITY**

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SURESH R,** Ex Havildar 15770629F, Resident of No 19, Between 2nd and 5th Cross Road, Gurunath Layout, Hurulichikanahalli Village, Chikabanavara Post, Bengaluru - 560090, Do hereby solemnly affirm that I have changed my minor Daughter's name from **TOSHANI** to **TOSHANI.S.** Henceforth her name will be **TOSHANI.S.** in all her records and documents Vide affidavit dated 05.07.2025 sworn before Advocate and Notary, **H Sridhar Rao,** Bengaluru.

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'GIVEN THE CURRENT UNCERTAINTY IN KANNADA CINEMA, I FEEL THE NEED TO BRING OUT A FILM THIS YEAR'

A SHARADHAA

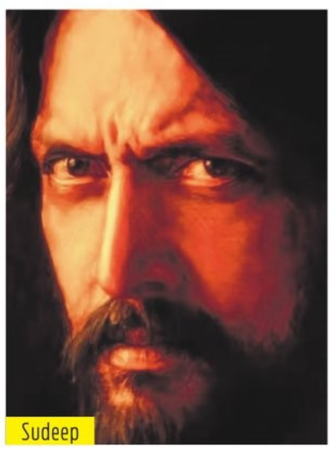
KICHCHA Sudeep has officially announced his 47th film, tentatively titled *K47*, which is set to go on floors on July 7 in Chennai. Billed to be a high-octane action thriller, the film reunites Sudeep with *Max* director Vijay Kartikeyan, and it will be backed by *Sathya Jyothi* Films, the noted Tamil production house known for producing Vishnuvardhan's 1986 film, Sathya Jyothi.

While Sudeep is already shooting Anup Bhandari's fantasy epic *Billa Ranga Baasha*, he wanted to simultaneously work on a film that could release sooner. Interestingly, the makers of *K47* are targeting a December 25, 2025 release.

"*Billa Ranga Baasha* is a massive film with elaborate sets and world-building—it will take time. But in between, I wanted to give a film this year, and we hope *K47* will be shot quickly. The goal is to release it by December 25 this year. This might seem impossible, but we'll give it everything. Given the current uncertainty in Kannada cinema, I feel the need to bring out a film this year."

Importantly, Sudeep clarified that *K47* is not a sequel to *Max*: "After a film like *Max* succeeds, there's always the urge to create a franchise. But *K47* features a completely different character and tone. It's definitely not *Max* 2. We didn't want to force that connection."

Contrary to earlier reports that filmmaker Cheran would direct the project, the collaboration didn't move forward. "Cheran is a wonderful storyteller, and I truly admire his work," said Sudeep. "We did collaborate, but the story just didn't align with where I am or the uncertainty of the Kannada industry. It didn't feel like a story for today's times. Can I attempt something like My Autograph now? Honestly, I feel it would be too complicated for today's landscape."


Sudeep

Vijay Kartikeyan made his Kannada debut with *Max*, which showcased Sudeep in a gritty avatar. "Vijay may not have looked like your typical action director when he first walked in," recalls Sudeep, adding, "But he won me over with just one line. We worked for 8 months to shape *Max*, and he learned what Kannada audiences expect from a film led by someone like me."

Now, with *K47*, Sudeep says Vijay has grown as a storyteller. "This time, Vijay didn't need those 8 months. He came with a complete package. I was blown away by the story from the start."

Addressing speculation about distancing himself from Kannada producers—especially with *K47* being backed by a Tamil banner and *Billa Ranga Baasha* by a Telugu one—Sudeep was clear. "Why would I distance myself from Kannada producers? That's not true at all," he asserted. "Instead of asking me, ask why the big production houses here aren't approaching with stories. Whoever brings a good story, I'll hold their hand."

He continued, "Even with directors, I've listened to many scripts. I'll never ignore someone who writes a story with me in mind. Some stories don't suit me, and I've even encouraged those filmmakers to approach other actors."

K47 features a strong technical crew, including Ajaneesh Loknath as music composer, Shekar Chandru and production design by Sivakumar.

Vijay describes *K47* as even more ambitious than *Max*, especially in terms of world-building and narrative complexity. "With *K47*, I'm not just making another action film. I'm building a whole new world around Sudeep's character," he said.

Like *Max*, *K47* will reportedly not feature a heroine, though it includes female characters. The narrative focuses solely on the protagonist and his mission.

Veteran producer T G Thyagarajan, returning to Kannada cinema after 39 years, added, "After Vishnuvardhan's film, we got busy in Tamil and other languages. We had plans with Shivarajkumar and even wanted to do a film with Puneeth Rajkumar, but it didn't happen. Sudeep is one of my favourite actors, and we're thrilled to return with *K47*."

Sudeep reunites with *Max* director Vijay Kartikeyan; Sathya Jyothi Films returns to Kannada with K47 after 39 years, which is speculated to be a Christmas 2025 release

Sudeep to add star power to Prem's *KD* in a key role

THE much talked about film *KD – The Devil*, directed by Prem and starring Dhruva Sarja, continues to stay in the spotlight. Backed by KVN Productions, the film has been in the making for some time. While there have been ongoing discussions around its release, the team is currently getting ready to shoot a major sequence, and there's a surprise in store.

Latest reports confirm that Sudeep has been brought on board for a significant role in the film. This adds even more star power to a cast that already includes Ravichandran, Ramesh Aravind, Sanjay Dutt, Shilpa Shetty, and Reeshma Nanaiah.

Earlier rumours had hinted at Shivarajkumar making a special appearance, but the makers are said to have finalised Sudeep for the role instead. His character details are being kept under wraps, but sources say he is expected to join the shoot later this month.

This marks a reunion for Prem and Sudeep, who last worked together on *The Villain*, which also featured Shivarajkumar. *KD* will also be Sudeep's first with KVN Productions.

Produced by Venkat K Narayana, with Arjun Janya composing the music, and William David and Srinivas P. Prabhu handling cinematography and editing respectively, *KD – The Devil* is currently in post-production and aiming for a September release.

KD Teaser to be launched across five states starting July 10

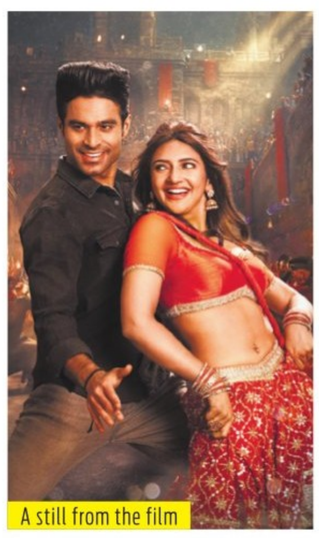
As director Prem's *KD – The Devil* gears up for a multilingual release, the makers have kickstarted promotions with a teaser launch planned across five states. The promotional tour will begin in Mumbai and Hyderabad on July 10, followed by Chennai and locations in Kerala, and will conclude in Bengaluru. The entire cast and crew are expected to be present at these events, making it a grand promotional campaign leading up to the film's release. The film inspired by real-life incidents, set against the backdrop of old Bengaluru during the 1970s and 80s, is billed as a riveting tale that blends intense action with emotional depth.

A still from the film

Kireeti and Sreeleela set the stage on fire in *Junior*'s new track, 'Viral Vayyari'

CE FEATURES

THE makers of *Junior*, marking the debut of Kireeti, son of former minister Janardhan Reddy, as a lead actor, have now released the film's second song, 'Viral Vayyari'. The song features Sreeleela alongside Kireeti in a vibrant, high-energy dance performance. Composed by Devi Sri Prasad, the mass number has instantly struck a chord with cinephiles as the film gears up for its release on July 18.


A still from the film

The first track from *Junior* had already been released, and now, with 'Viral Vayyari', excitement has only grown. The Kannada version has lyrics written by Pavan Bhatt, with vocals by Haripriya and Deepak Blue. Sreeleela brings her trademark flair to the choreography, matching Kireeti's energy step for step.

Their chemistry in the song has raised expectations for how it will translate on the big screen. Notably, Kireeti's spirited dance performance has drawn attention, especially impressive for a debut.

The film will also be released in Telugu, and the Telugu version of Viral Vayyari has received an enthusiastic response from fans. Following her popular performance in 'Kiss Kiss Kissak' from Pushpa 2: The Rule, Sreeleela once again delivers her confident moves, and she is winning hearts.

Set to hit theatres on July 18, *Junior* features an ensemble cast including Ravichandran, Genelia, and others. Directed by Radhakrishna Reddy and produced by Sai Korrapati, the film has cinematography by KK Senthil Kumar.

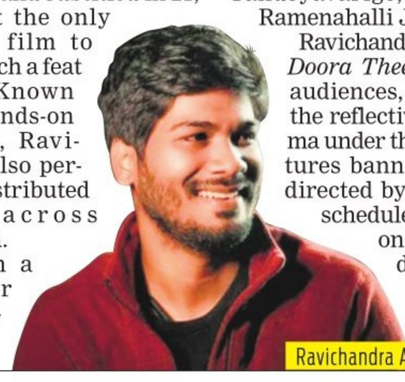
Ravichandra AJ's Janani Pictures to distribute Mansore's *Doora Theera Yaana*

A still from the film

CE FEATURES

RAVICHANDRA AJ, the driving force behind Janani Pictures, made headlines with his debut production *Blink*, India's first musical sci-fi thriller. The film was dubbed in seven languages and subtitled in 21, making it the only Kannada film to achieve such a feat in 2024. Known for his hands-on approach, Ravichandra also personally distributed *Blink* across Karnataka.

As both a producer and distributor, Ravichandra has backed notable titles like *BTS, Anamadheya Ashoka Kumar, Nodidavaru Yenantare, Bhava Theera Yaana, Edagaiye Apaghatakke Karana*, and several more set for release this year. He also serves as executive producer for Theertha Roopa Tandeyavarige, directed by Ramenahalli Jagannath.


Ravichandra AJ

Ravichandra now brings *Doora Theera Yaana* to audiences, distributing the reflective travel drama under the Janani Pictures banner. The film, directed by Mansore, is scheduled for release on July 11. Produced by Devaraj under the D Creations banner, *Doora Theera Yaana* stars Vijay Krishna and Priyanka Kumar in the lead roles. Both are professional software engineers who pursue music as a hobby. Their search for love forms the heart of this modern romance. The film features music by Bakkesh-Karthik, cinematography by Shekar Chandra, dialogues by Chetana Theerthalli, and editing by Nagendra K Ujjani.

Ravichandra believes in storytelling beyond boundaries. "It's not just about returns, it's about reaching hearts. By reinvesting OTT earnings into multi-language dubbing, my production house Janani Pictures remains committed to making Kannada cinema globally accessible," he says.

Ranveer Singh plays a rugged warrior in Aditya Dhar's violent actioner

CE FEATURES

THE much-awaited first look from Ranveer Singh's upcoming actioner *Dhurandhar* was unveiled by the makers on his birthday today. Helmed by URI: The Surgical Strike (2019) director Aditya Dhar, the film also stars Sanjay Dutt, Akshaye Khanna, Arjun Rampal and R Madhavan pivotal roles.

The first look gives a detailed glimpse into the film. It introduces Ranveer as a rugged warrior with long hair, as he is seen engaging in violent action sequences. A smashing Punjabi song plays over the visuals as it is revealed that the film is based on 'incredible' true events. Ranveer seems to be a chain-smoker, who is shown lighting cigarettes in multiple instances. Akshaye, Sanjay and Arjun seem to play grey characters, having intense looks. At one point, Ranveer says, "Ghayal hoon, isiliye Ghatak hoon (I am wounded, hence I am dangerous)". There are multiple visuals of explosions, hand-to-hand combat and gun fights. Towards the end, Akshaye and Sanjay's characters are shown to be taken in a cop vehicle somewhere. The film promises to be a stylistic actioner, although plot details are kept under wraps.